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Sheikh Sabah

Kuwait will not yield to blackmail

By Fathima Ahmed

KUWAIT has said that it is prepared to take the risk of losing more passengers than give in to the demands of the hijackers.

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed told a press conference in Kuwait after the end of a summit of the Organisation of Islamic Conference that his government was "deeply sorry to have lost the hostages."

He emphasised: "We will do our utmost to secure the release of the passengers. But we will not give in to blackmail or terrorism."

Leaders of the OIC have expressed support for and solidarity with Kuwait and denounced the "savage practices against the passengers of the hijacked airliner" and condemned them as "barbaric crime."

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Terror aboard Kuwaiti airliner Hijackers kill second hostage

From Jadranka Porter in Larnaca

THE horror of the hijack drama unfolding on the tarmac of the Larnaca international airport reached new heights yesterday when the hijackers of the Kuwait Airways airliner shot dead their second passenger making good their threat to kill a hostage if the plane is not refuelled.

The body was tossed out of the front left door at 3.09 pm (12.09 GMT) yesterday.

"Either we'll receive the fuel or you'll receive a corpse," one of the hijackers told the Larnaca control tower at 2 pm.

Contacted

The body dressed in a blue top and grey shorts lay rigid on its back on the tarmac for about half an hour before it was picked up by an airport ambulance.

The hijackers who maintained silence until contacted by the control tower read the following statement: "We hereby announce to Kuwait and Cyprus governments that we have executed a Kuwaiti officer and this is due to the wish of the Cypriot government which has

decided to support criminal countries against the people looking for freedom.

"We hereby assure that our demands are complete and does not accept partitioning as broadcast by news agencies. We also confirm that the craft must be refuelled immediately before we take more dangerous steps."

Sources said the victim had two bullet wounds above his right eye.

The body was tossed out of the aircraft only seven minutes after a delegation comprising a PLO official Milad Abdu and the Cypriot director of Civil Aviation Michael Erodotu completed their fourth trip to the aircraft.

They were trying to extend the deadline first set for 1.00 pm but, later extended to 2.50 pm as the hijackers talked to negotiators.

"We hereby appeal to the Cypriot government that we are intending to take off to a neutral country," the hijackers said in setting the final deadline.

Refuelled

"Therefore, you are kindly requested within one hour to start refuelling the aircraft."

"Otherwise we'll kill a person," he said. "We'll kill a person, a person related to the unjust Kuwaiti regime. And we hereby remind you, the world, that we have released a passenger as a

goodwill intention but it seems that this goodwill intention is unproductive."

As the deadline passed without the plane being refuelled the hijackers demanded "a yes or no answer" to their demand for 104 (which is probably meant to be 104 tons of fuel). In the last attempt to talk to the hijackers into extending the deadline, Erodotu stood on the tarmac speaking to them through a loudspeaker while Abdu stood close to the vehicle which brought them to the aircraft.

In an exchange with the hijackers the control tower referred to "the offer" but the hijackers shrugged it off and repeated their demand for fuel.

Yesterday morning, the exchange between the negotiators and hijackers began on a cordial note. The hijackers who reported the failure of air conditioning system and demanded that ground generator be switched on, thanked the control tower for its cooperation.

The negotiators offered supplies of coffee, food and medicine. But from then onwards the situation was steadily worsening with the hijackers repeating demands for fuel and the negotiators making trips to the aircraft.

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The body of the second Kuwaiti killed by the hijackers is being removed from an ambulance. The picture below shows the body being lifted from the tarmac. (Reuters wirephotos)

6,500 missiles in two cities

Ammunition dump blast death toll rises to 93

ISLAMABAD, April 11. (Agencies) Pakistanis angrily questioned armed forces safety precautions today after explosions at a weapons dump homed Islamahad and Rawalpindi with missiles and killed 93 people.

Grief-stricken men and women in the adjacent twin cities searched for missing relatives in bomb-cratered streets where pedestrians had limbs blown off in a hail of shells and rockets yesterday.

Markets closed in major towns at the start of three days of national mourning and doctors set up emergency relief camps near blackened and shell-shattered buildings.

President Zia-ul-Haq told a news conference the disaster was an extraordinary accident. He dismissed press speculation that it was the work of saboteurs.

A retired Army officer said he saw US-supplied 3.7-inch and 56mm rockets and recoilless rifle shells among the thousands of projectiles that showered out of the camp, 10 km (six miles) from the centre of Islamabad.

Zia said the authorities had received reports of more than 6,500 missiles scattered in the area of which 5,910 had been cleared by bomb disposal teams.

Four US Navy bomb disposal experts who flew in to help disarm the unexploded munitions started work today, a US embassy spokesman said.

Afghan President Najibullah sent a message of "deep grief and sorrow" to Zia and called the explosions at Qaji Army camp a tragic accident, official Kabul Radio, monitored here, said.

Zia, who cut short a visit to Kuwait early today after being

informed of the disaster, told reporters several people including an Army major were missing and believed wounded.

Ninety-three people had been killed and about 1,100 injured, of whom 60 per cent had been discharged after treatment in hospital, Zia said.

An inquiry ordered by Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junjo would show what caused the explosion, he said.

He described as mere speculation suggestions that arms stored at Qaji could have been meant for Afghan anti-communist guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed Kahul government.

"It is nothing but speculation, mere conjecture," he said when asked about a report in the British newspaper the Times that the blast might have been caused by people trying to stop arms supplies to the Muslim mujahideen guerrillas.

The main Afghan guerrilla parties are based in Pakistan, which is also host to three million Afghan refugees from the nine-year-old war in their country.

Pakistani authorities have accused agents of the Kahul government of planting bombs in Pakistan. Kabul denies the charges.

Hospital doctors said news reports that more than 300 people had been killed were false. Initially there was confusion about the number of casualties because of the extent of the bombardment.

Missiles flew up to 15 km (nine miles) from the camp which lies between Islamabad and Rawalpindi, cities with a combined population of one million.

Zia declined to describe the (Continued on Page 7)

Air pirates receiving outside orders

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said yesterday it seemed that the hijackers of a Kuwaiti airliner now in Cyprus were receiving outside orders.

"It seems they are receiving outside orders, outside even Lebanon," he said. He did not elaborate but his other remarks suggested he thought Tehran might be involved.

The PLO has played a central role in trying to negotiate an end to the week-long drama, in which Arabic-speaking gunmen have killed two Kuwaiti passengers to press demands for the release of 17 Islamic militants jailed in Kuwait for political violence.

Contact

Arafat said he needed to know all points of view before discussing details of the negotiations. These points of view, he said, were "coming not only from Beirut — they are coming also from Tehran."

He said he did not know who

carried out the hijacking but he had asked PLO officials in Lebanon to contact groups there.

Lebanese security sources say the hijackers are members of Hezbollah, but the Lebanese Muslim Shi'ite fundamentalist group denies it.

"But all these groups who are working in Beirut belong to the Iranian side," Arafat said.

He said two of the hijackers were Bahraini, four Lebanese, and two were of unknown nationality. Aviation sources said separately that two of them might be Kuwaiti.

Asked if there was any progress in the negotiations, Arafat replied: "Not yet."

He is in Kuwait for a meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference but has stayed in close touch with PLO negotiators in Cyprus. He discussed the hijacking today with HH the Amir of Kuwait.

Cool spokesman has detailed knowledge

LARNACA, Cyprus, April 11. (Reuters) The hijackers of the Kuwait Airways airliner reveal in repeated radio contacts with Larnaca airport control tower that they have detailed knowledge of the modern aviation world.

Their main spokesman, who always identifies himself on the radio as "Kuwait 422," the plane's flight number, has shown a deep understanding of aircraft radio procedures and vocabulary.

He clearly understands the technicalities of air-conditioning, ground power supplies, catering, sewerage disposal and other complex systems of a jumbo jet.

Voicing

Journalists monitoring his sometimes indistinct voice heard him say: "I have been a flight engineer."

Unlike in previous hijackings in the Middle East, when gunmen have become hysterical in voicing their demands, those at Larnaca remained calm on the radio throughout.

Even after they killed a Kuwaiti border guard on Satur-

day, the spokesman told the control tower simply: "Send a coffin and an ambulance."

Their demands for refuelling and for the release of 17 terrorists jailed in Kuwait were read in the same deadpan tone as confirmation that they had served breakfast to their hostages or found the air supply from a unit on the ground too warm.

The spokesman has combined cool, rock-hard determination with an apparent reluctance to kill hostages.

Dumped

Even so, today the gunmen dumped a second body on the tarmac after arguing over plans for refuelling the airliner.

The man, speaking fluent, educated English with an Arab accent, often consulted his colleagues on crucial decisions like agreeing to extend deadlines. When he read statements he sometimes said he had to translate them from Arabic. Cyprus officials say there are seven or eight hijackers.

● A Kuwaiti newspaper earlier reported that one of the hijackers is a pilot and took control of the airliner while it was overflying Beirut on Friday.



Radio exchanges with air pirates

From cheese to death

LARNACA, April 11. (Reuters) Monday started quietly at Larnaca airport with the control tower asking if the hijackers wanted breakfast.

Before the day was out, the tower was arranging to collect a dead body.

"Good morning Kuwait 422," the control tower official said, using the call sign of the hijacked Kuwaiti Boeing 747.

"Are you going to have breakfast?"

"We have from yesterday the cheese," replied a hijacker. "And already we have distributed the cheese to them."

Answer

"Roger. Should you wish anything further please advise us."

During the morning, mediators Malath Abdu, an official of the PLO, and Michael Erodotu, director of Civil Aviation in Cyprus, went to the plane for talks they conducted through megaphones.

After they returned to the terminal, the hijacker asked: "Are they preparing the fuel?"

Tower: "The Cypriot representative says that he will discuss the issue with you."

Hijacker: "He has to proceed? Alone and what we have agreed about ... has to follow him. He will proceed first and then the other thing that we asked him (for). It has to follow him immediately ... I would like to see the firm answer in front of my eyes before he is coming."

The hijacker was apparently referring to a fuel truck.

"They are preparing a reply," the tower said.

"We have already postponed too much," said the hijacker. "Advise them they have postponed too much."

Tower: "The Cypriot representative advises that the delegation is starting now on its way to the aircraft."

Hijacker: "It is coming with

them or what? I would like to know frankly if we have the first part of the fuel or not."

Tower: "The Cypriot representative says that he will discuss the issue with you."

Erodotu and Abdu went out to the plane where they spoke to the hijackers, again through megaphones from the ground, then returned to the terminal.

Minutes later photographers watching the plane through telephoto lenses saw a bloodied body drop to the tarmac.

Tower: "We see something on the ground by the aircraft. Do you have any information?"

Hijacker: "I am in the cabin. I am in the cockpit. I shall check and come back to you."

After a pause, the hijacker returned to the radio with a statement saying a second hostage had been killed.

"The ambulance is starting now for the aircraft to pick up the body," the control tower official said in a deadpan voice.

Israel deports 8 Palestinians

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, April 11. (Agencies) Israel today expelled eight Arabs accused of leading the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and issued deportation orders against 12 others, including six residents of the West Bank village where an Israeli teenage girl was killed last week.

In a related development, the Army said the number of Palestinians arrested since the uprising in the territories began four months ago had passed 4,800.

Palestinian sources said soldiers shot and killed a protester in the West Bank town of Jenin today, bringing to 138 the number of Arabs killed in the unrest. An Israeli soldier and the teenage girl have been the only Israeli casualties.

Freeze

The expulsions ended an unofficial freeze on deportations — a practice condemned by most of the world, including the United States, Israel's closest ally — and threatened to set off a new round of violent protests.

"I thought they would not deport them because I thought they might want to calm the (Arab) population," said Israeli civil rights attorney Felicia Langer, who represents four of the deportees.

The eight men, five Gazans and three from the West Bank,

were flown in two Israeli Army helicopters to the Lebanese village of Hasbiya, in the north-east sector of the Israeli-declared "security zone" in southern Lebanon, military sources said.

After a brief physical examination by an Army doctor, an officer read out the deportation orders. The eight men were then each given \$50 and turned loose this afternoon.

Carrying their personal belongings in plastic bags, they got into two taxis and drove off toward a Syrian-controlled area of Lebanon, the sources said.

The Army, which governs the occupied territories, also issued deportation orders against 12 Palestinians accused of inciting "the recent violent public disturbances in the territories."

At least 137 Palestinians have been killed since the unrest began Dec 9. An Israeli soldier and the Israeli teenage girl have also died.

The suspects have a limited right of appeal to a military advisory council headed by a military judge and then to the High Court of Justice, Israel's highest court.

Among the 12 were six residents of the West Bank village of Beitza where a 15-year-old Israeli girl was killed April 6 during a clash between Arab

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Threat to kill US officer

BEIRUT, April 11. (Reuters) Kidnappers of US Marine officer William Higgins in Lebanon threatened today to kill him if a hijacked Kuwaiti airliner was stormed at Larnaca airport in Cyprus.

"We pay respect to our mujahideen (struggler) brothers, putting the hangman's noose around the neck of the American agent William Higgins if any attempt is made to storm the plane," said a statement issued by the militant Muslim organisation of the oppressed of the world.

The group kidnapped Higgins, the senior officer in a US peacekeeping force in Lebanon on Feb. 17.

DAY BY DAY

THE civil defence warning sirens are usually tested intermittently in other countries and not at any set date and time. This is to ensure that others do not know the exact time the sirens are tested.

Countries on the verge of war do not allow their enemies to know the time they will test their warning system. This information would enable the enemy to do whatever they wanted at the time of the scheduled warning siren, and when the sirens sounded, the people would think that it was only the warning system being tested, rather than an actual threat.

Zahed Matar

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- اسلام آباد میں تباہی پر اشرف شاہ کا خصوصی مضمون

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State of sea: moderate to rough

High water: 9.30 am, 7.00 pm

Low water: 2.00 am, 2.00 pm

Sunrise: 5.25 am

Sunset: 6.15 pm

Maximum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 31°C 88°F

Ahmad: 25°C 77°F

Falaka: 28°C 82°F

Minimum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 18°C 64°F

Ahmad: 22°C 72°F

Falaka: 21°C 70°F

Maximum temperature expected:

Kuwait: 30°C 86°F

Ahmad: 25°C 77°F

Falaka: 28°C 82°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 70 per cent

Ahmad: 72 per cent

Falaka: 80 per cent

Maximum humidity expected:

Kuwait: 70 per cent

Ahmad: 80 per cent

Falaka: 85 per cent

INTERNATIONAL

50 Thais die in bus crash

BANGKOK, April 11, (UPI): At least fifty people were killed and 11 injured in Thailand's worst highway accident when a bus packed with passengers crashed into a bridge then plunged into a deep irrigation canal, police said today.

With the casualty figures still incomplete, police officers said that never before had so many people died in a single road crash in Thailand.

"The bus, packed with about 70 people, crashed into the concrete railing of a bridge on the Chaiyathai-Manorom district highway," said Col. Soravuth Hutawatana, police chief of Chaiyathai province, 160 km north of Bangkok.

"All of the passengers killed were trapped inside the bus when it fell into the canal," Soravuth told United Press International in a telephone interview.

Police officers said the accident occurred on Sunday.

Police today found the bodies of five more passengers about 2 km from the crash site, Soravuth said.

"Most of the victims died because they could not get out of the submerged bus," a Chaiyathai police officer said.

Police said that after impact the bus plummeted about 20 feet into the muddy water below the bridge.

Bodies

Police and relief workers struggled eight hours to retrieve bodies from the submerged wreckage in the 32-foot-deep (10-m) canal.

Rescue efforts were hampered by the steep banks of the 50-foot-wide (15-m) canal, strong currents, and murky water, police said.

"Judging from the evidence, the accident was caused by the right front tire bursting, sending the vehicle out of control," the police chief said.

"Looking at the damage to the concrete railing on the right side of the bridge, I believe the bus was speeding," he said.

After the accident, Saisith Pornkaew, governor of Chaiyathai province, called for strict enforcement of highway speed limits.

"This is the worst accident to happen to so many people at any one time," the governor said. "I never thought this could happen."

Jordan rejects flimsy excuses

Israel must return Arab land

AMMAN, April 11, (Reuters): Jordan's Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifa'i said today Israel should drop its flimsy excuses and withdraw from all occupied Arab land in return for peace.

"Without a total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories, including Jerusalem, we are talking about surrender not peace," he said.

"The settlement must not in any way reflect the weight of conquest. It is an exchange of territory for peace," Rifa'i told Reuters in an interview. "Why should Israel claim a right to keep or annex any part of the occupied territories?"

Requirements

Israel captured the West Bank from Jordan, the Golan Heights from Syria and the Gaza Strip from Egypt in the 1967 Middle East war. It has since annexed the Golan Heights and East Jerusalem.

"Those flimsy excuses they give about security are really not worth arguing about because security is not positions on the ground, especially in modern

warfare with modern weapons and missiles. And anyway, security has to be mutual," Rifa'i said.

Jordan had told to US Secretary of State George Shultz what it considered the basic requirements for Middle East peace during his trip to the region last week.

"I believe the United States and Secretary Shultz now realise more than ever what the requirements for peace are and until those are met it isn't going to be possible to have any progress," Rifa'i said.

US plan

King Hussein set out Jordan's stance in a letter to Shultz saying an international conference under UN auspices was the only forum for peace talks and any settlement should allow the Palestinians their rights to self-determination.

Israeli officials said Shultz might return to the Middle East for a third peace shuttle soon after meeting Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze

in Moscow on April 21.

No state in the region has formally accepted or rejected Shultz's plan for an international conference to precede direct Arab-Israeli talks on interim Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza, to be followed by final peace negotiations.

Israel's coalition government is split over the proposals. Shultz has praised King Hussein for his exploratory approach.

"The international conference should not be... a photo opportunity, just a mechanism to launch direct talks," Rifa'i said.

It should not have power to veto agreements, but "it must play a role in assisting the parties to arrive at a settlement."

Representation

He said the conference should reflect the "moral weight" of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council. The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) must take part, though the PLO should decide how this should be done.

Jordan was ready to attend independently, within a joint

Arab delegation or in a Jordan-PLO delegation, he said.

The way we are represented is not the issue... the issue is the presence of the necessary, essential parties to the conflict and therefore the PLO must be present. How it is to be represented is up to the PLO," Rifa'i said.

The Soviet Union agreed with Jordan on the board principles of the conference and on PLO representation, he said.

He also said the King had invited PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to Amman, but had received no definite reply. "We think it would be useful if he came before the (Arab League) summit."

Rifa'i said the four-month-old uprising was "in effect, a popular revolution against occupation."

Regardless of whether "Israeli excesses and the brute force they are using to try to break Palestinian homes, blow up their homes, shoot them, arrest them, will succeed in suppressing the uprising temporarily, it will erupt again and again..." he said.

Bid to win Jewish votes

I won't meet Arafat: Jackson

NEW YORK, April 11, (UPI): Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson vows that as President he would not meet with Yasser Arafat unless the PLO leader changes his longstanding position and recognises Israel's right to exist.

Jackson, in an apparent attempt to win Jewish support for the April 19 New York Democratic presidential primary, announced his stand on future meetings with Arafat during interviews with rival Senator Albert Gore Jr. on CBS Television.

"I am convinced that tough (US) leadership must challenge the Palestinians to recognise Israel's right to exist and vice versa," Jackson said.

Jackson, who has come under fire from Gore for a 1979 visit with Arafat, was then asked if he would meet again with the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation if the PLO continues to refuse to recognise Israel.

"It would not," Jackson said flatly.

Jackson's comments, along

with statements by Gore in favour of Israel, marked the continuing jockeying between the two candidates for support among New York Jews.

Tour

Gore, a senator from Tennessee, spent the afternoon touring the heavily Hasidic Jewish Borough Park section of Brooklyn, home to the largest number of World War II Nazi concentration camp survivors in the United States.

Running a distant third behind Jackson and Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis in polls of New York voters, Gore reiterated his support for Israel and attacked Jackson's Middle East policies.

But he repeatedly denied on the broadcast that he was pandering to the state's politically active Jewish community.

And Gore insisted he was not changing his stands to appeal to Jews, who make up about 25 per cent of the voters in New York's Democratic primary.

"I have stood for a strong

Israel for 12 years," Gore said. "Why should I change my positions and my basic viewpoints because it's the New York primary?"

Gore said he would not stop his recent attacks on Jackson and Dukakis.

Posture

"I have no plans to change my basic campaign posture," Gore said, adding that "99.9 per cent of what I've said in this campaign has been positive although I have not been tentative in contrasting my views with those of my competitors."

Jackson used the interview as an opportunity to distance himself further from Arafat.

"We must not equate Arafat and the PLO with the sovereign people, the Palestinian people. It's not Arafat versus Israel. It's the Israelis versus the Palestinians," Jackson said.

Sind gets new chief minister

ISLAMABAD, April 11, (Kuna): The new Chief Minister of Sind province Akhtar Ali Qazi took oath of office at the Governor's House in Karachi today.

He was a Minister for Education in the outgoing cabinet of Ghous Ali Shah, who resigned last week under heavy pressure from federal government in Islamabad.

Governor Ashraf Tahani, administered the oath of office to 55-year-old Qazi, who hails from Larkana district of Sind province.

Shah made his exit at the height of nation-wide demand that he should be ousted by the federal government because he has failed curb rising crimes and deteriorating law and order situation in the province. Karachi saw bloodiest ethnic riot during his tenure.

Shah also resigned from the office of president of the Sind branch of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League party.

Kazi last evening received a massive vote of confidence from the Sind provincial assembly.

Beijing to hold beauty pageant

BEIJING, April 11, (AP): Beijing plans to host its first beauty pageant since the communist takeover, the official China Daily reported today. Long Xinxin, head of the Beijing Television studio co-sponsoring the event, said 10 "girls of youth and elegance" will be selected in the televised finals, according to the report.

He said the judges will put "as much emphasis on the participants' knowledge, performing technique, and moral character as on their appearance and dress," the newspaper said.

The other sponsor is Contemporary television magazine, published by the China Television Artists Association.

The contest, which will end in June, is open to Beijing women, married and unmarried, who are between the ages of 17 and 27.

The contest is not the first of its kind in China since the communist takeover. The first was held in Canton in 1985. The government was very sensitive about the subject at the time because the Communist Party has decreed that concern for physical appearance is decadent and vain.

16 Tamil rebels killed in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, April 11, (AP): Four Tamil rebels committed suicide by swallowing cyanide and 12 others were killed by Indian and Sri Lankan troops in the northern and eastern parts of the island, officials said today.

Eight of the rebels were killed Sunday when Sri Lankan soldiers raided a jungle hideout in northern Sri Lanka's Anuradhapura district, 165 kilometres northeast of Colombo, a Sri Lankan military official said.

He said the camp was used by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the largest Tamil rebel group, and apparently was the



Fans walk outside the Shrine auditorium in Los Angeles as 24-foot tall Oscar statues line the front of the auditorium for the 60th annual Academy Awards show. (Reuter wirephoto)

World Court hears PLO office dispute

THE HAGUE, April 11, (AP): World Court hearings began today on the dispute between the United States and the United Nations over US plans to close the Palestine Liberation Organisation mission to the United Nations.

Before the court is a UN request for an opinion on whether the US government must accept arbitration in the dispute, which emanates from anti-terrorist legislation signed into a law by President Ronald Reagan last December.

That law, which classifies the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as a "terrorist organisation" and bars it from operating on US territory, led the US government to order the PLO's New York mission, to the UN, closed, a move condemned by all UN member nations except the United States and Israel.

"The UN Secretary-General has the strong desire to avoid any confrontation with the host country," UN undersecretary-general Carl-August Fleischhauer of West Germany told the court. But he stressed that the

United Nations "urges the court to declare that indeed there is an obligation to the United States" to submit the PLO office dispute to independent arbitration.

The PLO is unable to plead its case here because only nation states and UN bodies are entitled to appear before the World Court, the judicial arm of the United Nations.

A representative of the PLO's information office in this diplomatic capital watched the proceedings from the visitors' gallery in the ornate peace palace where the court sits.

During his presentation, Fleischhauer, claimed that the American Anti-Terrorist Law was a "concrete threat of violation of existing rights."

In a written brief filed last month, the United Nations asserted that under a 1977 UN-US pact known as the "Headquarters Agreement," the United States is required to allow diplomats of member nations and representatives of observer states to function unhindered, and to submit any disputes rising from the 1947 agreement to arbitration.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Afghan fighting

MOSCOW, April 11, (AP): Muslim insurgents attacked the northwestern Afghan city of Maimanch with rockets and artillery, killing 13 people and causing serious damage, the Tass news agency said today.

The attack was on the same city from which a Soviet-built Antonov-26 plane took off yesterday for Mazar Sharif, about 140 miles (225 kilometres) to the east. Official Kabul Radio said the plane was shot down by rebels, and that 29 people were killed.

Princess Margaret

LONDON, April 11, (AP): Princess Margaret will visit Canada as a guest of the Canadian government from July 5-13, her office announced today.

The 57-year-old sister of Queen Elizabeth II will present new colours to her regiment, the Princess Louise Fusiliers, in Halifax and attend the 129th running of the Queen's Plate in Toronto.

Papaloannou dies

NICOSIA, April 11, (Reuters): The veteran general secretary of the Cypriot Communist Party, Ezekias Papaloannou, died yesterday of a heart attack, aged 80.

The Cyprus news agency said he died at a Nicosia clinic where he had been taken the previous day with heart problems.

Papaloannou joined the Arab Communist Party in 1931 and had served as its general secretary since 1949.

Plane crash

SKIATHOS, Greece, April 11, (AP): A private plane crashed in an olive grove shortly after it took off from this Aegean resort island yesterday, killing all four people aboard, police reported today.

A police spokesman said the Piper 28 took off for a flight over the island and crashed at 5:40 (1440 GMT) near the airport.

The plane was piloted by its owner Michail Rangousis, 62.

Fertility festival

CAIRO, April 11, (Reuters): Egyptians took to the Nile and picnicked in the parks leaving Cairo's streets strangely empty today as they celebrated a spring fertility festival dating back to the Pharaohs.

Government offices, banks and companies closed for the 7,000-year-old celebration of the start of spring known as Sham El-Nessim or sniffing the breeze. Egyptians traditionally breakfasted on such well-known fertility foods as saltfish, eggs and green vegetables.

Knights of Malta

ROME, April 11, (Reuters): The 900-year-old order of the Knights of Malta named today a Scottish aristocrat related to Britain's Queen Elizabeth as their 78th grandmaster.

The exclusive and deeply Roman Catholic order said Fra Andrew Bertie, 58, had been elected by its council of state and approved by Pope John Paul as the new grandmaster.

Jewel thief

SYDNEY, April 11, (Reuters): An Australian thief, guilt-ridden over the death of an accomplice during a robbery, has turned over the loot he stole to a Catholic priest.

Two thieves had stolen 144 watches worth around 70,000 dollars (\$30,000) from a central Sydney jeweller on Saturday morning when they were spotted by security guards.

One youth slipped while climbing a slippery ramp to the roof and fell to his death.

Hideout attacked

DHAKA, April 11, (AP): Bangladesh army troops stormed a hideout of tribal insurgents in the Chittagong hill tracts and killed two rebels in a half-hour exchange of gunfire, officials sources said today.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the attack yesterday on the rebel hideout near Dighinala came after tribal guerrillas shot to death an army soldier on a nearby highway.

Coups threats

MANILA, April 11, (Reuters): Philippine businessmen, nervous over new coup threats, plan to offer a reward for the capture of a fugitive army rebel after the military rejected private-sector calls for a "shoot to kill" order, a senior official said today.

The presidential palace announced that President Corason Aquino would not alter plans to visit China this week and said she would meet Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping and Communist Party General Secretary Zhao Ziyang.

Drug dealers

TEL AVIV, April 11, (Reuters): Israeli police arrested dozens of Lebanese drug dealers overnight and seized heroin, hashish and weapons in the first crime sweep by Israel into southern Lebanon, security officials said today.

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Reagan welcomes Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, April 11, (AP): President Ronald Reagan says the expected pullout of Soviet troops from Afghanistan was "a major contribution" to improving East-West relations and he pledged continued US military aid to the Afghan Mujahideen.

Differences over US and Soviet aid to rival factions in Afghanistan was a major obstacle to negotiations in Geneva on a settlement of the 8-year-old war and the withdrawal of an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops.

However, the two sides appear to have agreed on a compromise under which the Soviets will continue providing aid to the Marxist government while the United States gives assistance to the anti-communist insurgents.

Accord

Reagan, in a speech Sunday to the annual convention of the National Association of Broadcasters at a downtown hotel, said he expects an agreement to be signed in Geneva "in the very near future" for a Soviet withdrawal.

The pact, negotiated under the auspices of the United Nations, is expected to be signed this week, with the Soviet Union and the United States guaranteeing a set-

tlement of the war. "If that accord is complied with, and the Soviets withdraw irrevocably from that long-suffering country, this will be a great victory for its heroic people, whom we shall continue to support," Reagan said.

It will also be a major contribution to the improvement of East-West relations," the President added.

Meanwhile Prince Abdullah Hassan of Afghanistan told the Italian news agency Ansa on Sunday that the peace accord reached in Geneva was a sham and he called for restoration of the monarchy.

He contended that only exiled King Mohammad Zahir Shah can be a unifying force for Afghanistan and prevent a massacre of Soviet collaborators when the Red Army withdraws.

"The talks in Geneva were a sham, the problem exclusively regards the Soviets and the Afghan people, said the prince, who is a cousin of the exiled King.

He also contended that the Soviet withdrawal "will not open the way to peace but to the almost certain massacre, at the hands of the people, of all the collaborators" with the Soviets.

KUWAIT ... GULF

Consumers urged to switch off air-conditioners when not necessary

REGULAR maintenance of air-conditioning equipment is necessary to ensure cool accommodation during the Kuwait summer.

Air-conditioning mechanics told a local newspaper that a well maintained air-conditioner would last more than ten years without technical problems.

They pointed out that ideal operation of the equipment would save money for both the government and the public. They said that air-conditioners consumed 42 per cent of the total power generated in Kuwait, and added that two air-conditioners of 24,000 BTU each consumed about 1,600 kilowatts which cost the government about KD 3 for the electricity used.

Harmful
Officials have urged consumers to switch off unnecessary air-conditioners, pointing out that the extra power consumed was a waste and there was no need to keep air-conditioners running in empty rooms or halls.

Some experiments conducted by the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) have shown

that it is possible to save about 40 per cent of the total power by using air-conditioners properly.

Some housewives feel proud that they keep their air-conditioners running all through the summer, the newspaper said. It has been medically proved, however, that the ideal house temperature during summer is 24° Celsius. Any lower temperature will be harmful.

Officials said that Kuwait's power consumption needed to be guided, pointing out, for instance, that some families left their air-conditioners working when they travelled abroad. Some families said that keeping the house cool was necessary for the house plants which would otherwise shrivel. This wastage however cost the government more than KD 100 million.

An air-conditioning maintenance mechanic, Ghassan Daqaq, said that most people brought their air-conditioners to be cleaned and maintained about this time of the year, just before the summer. He added that people who waited until the summer

had started and then demanded quick work caused many problems. He urged owners to bring their units early to avoid confusion.

Cleaned

He advised that filters should be cleaned at least once every fortnight.

He said that people should take the size of the room into consideration when buying an air-conditioner.

An air-conditioner salesman, Jawad Jafar, said some customers preferred to buy air-conditioners during the sales in May. He said that Japanese air-conditioners cost more this year than last year because of the increase in the exchange rate of the yen. Window air-conditioners sold better than other types because they were cheaper and more practical.

Another salesman, Hamoud Asfour, said that air-conditioner sales during 1987 were better than in 1986. He said that American air-conditioners were 20 to 25 per cent cheaper than Japanese ones.



● HH the Amir bidding farewell to Pakistan's President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq on Sunday at Kuwait Airport prior to the president's departure.

People stocking up goods in preparation for Ramadan

PEOPLE are now stocking up with various goods in preparation for the holy month of Ramadan which starts next week.

A local newspaper asked shop-owners at the wholesale market in Shuwaikh industrial area about their preparations for Ramadan.

One man said that confectionery was most in demand and items such as jellies, caramels and juices had higher sales in the holy month.

He said that prices were cheaper this year due to competition among foodstuffs companies, and this was to the advantage

of consumers.

He said that shoppers would not face any problems this year because most shops had about six porters to help carry purchases. Some customers parked their cars far from the shops and in these cases it was difficult to send the porters to the cars because they were needed all the time.

Crowded

He pointed out that the new retail market was better for shop owners, adding that people came to shop at the market because they found all types of goods in one place.

The manager of a foodstuffs shop, Hussain Ali, said that shops opened from 7 am to 1 am during the holy month of Ramadan. He said the market was always crowded before Ramadan began, and shopkeepers tried to provide customers with good services.

A shopkeeper, Nasr Allah Ali, said that people in Kuwait had become better shoppers than before and had a higher market awareness. He said goods were sold at wholesale prices to make people return.

Another shopowner said that women bargained over prices more than men.

Soviets support Palestinians: Abu Jihad

ABU DHABI, April 11. (Kuna): Fatah Movement's Central Committee member Salah Khalaf has said that the Palestinian-Soviet talks tackled all levels of the Palestinian question, including US Secretary of State George Shultz' tour to the Middle East.

"In an interview with daily 'Al-Itihad', published here today, Khalaf, better known as 'Abu Jihad', said the Palestinian delegation, led by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, and the Soviet side agreed that Moscow adopts the Palestinian stance during the forthcoming superpowers summit.

Indicating that Shultz's initiative has come to a dead-end, Abu Jihad said there is no use of Shultz's return to the region.

He said Soviet leader Mikhail

Gorbachev emphasised to Arafat Moscow's adherence to the convocation of the international peace conference on the Middle East.

Furthermore, he said that Gorbachev also asserted to Arafat, during a meeting in Moscow last week, that the Soviet Union insists on representation of the PLO in the proposed conference.

Next month, a superpower summit is scheduled to take place in Moscow.

The Soviet Union supports the right of the Palestinian people for self-determination and the establishment of a statehood.

On the four points outlined by Syrian President Hafez Assad regarding peace in the Middle East, Abu Jihad said, in principle, it is a positive stand.

Waldheim to tour Gulf

BONN, April 11. (Kuna): Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs Alois Mock today said he will accompany the Austrian President Kurt Waldheim on his Gulf tour scheduled next June that covers Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and UAE.

The Austrian minister in a statement to Kuna here stressed importance of having relations and co-operation with Arab countries, noting that Waldheim's next tour of the region aims at developing these relations.

Diouf's message

HH the Amir of Kuwait yesterday received a message from Senegalese President Abdou Diouf. The message was conveyed by the Senegalese Foreign Minister during an audience with the Amir.

Charges for some medical services planned

By Salem Al Wawan

THE Assistant Undersecretary for Financial Affairs at Kuwait's Public Health Ministry Abdul Latif Al Mohjib said the ministry plans to charge for some medical services. He added that the proposed charges were simply token charges to involve people in sharing in the cost of medical services.

He explained that the cost of medical services was constantly increasing and that the ministry was making every effort to curb spending without having an adverse effect on the level of services offered.

Al Mohjib said KD18 million had been allocated for phar-

maceutical supplies for the fiscal year 1987 to 1988, adding that the ministry had plans to organise the way in which drugs were dispensed and to cut any unnecessary costs.

He said that exceptions would be made to the national freeze on appointments of non-Kuwaitis in the public sector, especially in cases requiring technical specialists and other qualified professional experts, who are unavailable among Kuwaitis.

Special squads have been set up to investigate cargo containers and ships unloading at Kuwaiti ports in an effort to control rats in the country, he added.

US names new envoy to Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON, April 11. (AP): President Ronald Reagan intends to nominate career diplomat Walter Cutler for a second tour as ambassador to Saudi Arabia only six months after Cutler's departure from the kingdom, the White House said today.

Cutler would succeed Hume Alexander Horan, who developed a "personality conflict" with King Fahd, and is being withdrawn, a State Department official said earlier this month.

Cutler, 56, who has also been ambassador to Zaire and Tunisia, was an ambassador to Saudi Arabia in 1984-87. He has also served in Cameroon, Algeria, Iran and South Vietnam, and as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Affairs.

A State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, on April 11 denied reports that Horan was withdrawn at Saudi Arabia's request or that his recall was related to US complaints over the Saudi purchase of intermediate-range missiles from China. The Department said Horan was being considered for another assignment, not yet announced.

Information experts begin meeting in Doha

DOHA, April 11. (Kuna): The committee of experts from the Information Ministers of Arab Gulf states began its meeting here Sunday night, in attendance of the information undersecretaries and other information officials.

The committee meetings are headed by Qatar's Information Undersecretary, Mohammed Abdul Rahman Al Khaleefi.

The agenda of meetings includes several items, such as the agenda of the information

ministers' 12th conference, due to be held here next Tuesday and reports on following resolutions of the 11th conference held in Manama last March.

The committee will also discuss reports on activities and achievements of the Gulf joint establishments and apparatuses.

A proposal by Qatar on lowering the rates charges for transporting newspapers and publications among the Arab Gulf states is also to be discussed by the committee.

City flat much better than villa: NHA official

ALI Al Fawzan, the assistant director-general of the National Housing Authority for Planning and Construction, speaking about the Sawabiyah Complex in Kuwait City, said having an apartment in the city centre was much better than having a villa some distance away. He added that having services nearby to where one lived made city flats advantageous.

In an interview with a local newspaper, Al Fawzan said the Sawabiyah Complex provided internal access for children to go to and from school to their homes. He said convenient transportation and security for chil-

dren were also available. He stressed the importance of the private sector's participation in the housing project construction, adding that the National Housing Authority had plans to completely use local consultants and contractors for housing projects.

He said that the NHA assigned 10 consultants to design and supervise the execution of the housing units in the Qurain Project. Al Fawzan added that the NHA had developed its own consulting teams after dealing with a number of consultants and contractors since its establishment.

Family influences behaviour: Al Atrash

DR Laila Al Atrash of Kuwait University said the educational process shaped the individual character of coming generations. She said that the family was especially influential in developing the young person's behaviour and called on the school and the family to cooperate in reaching educational goals.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, Sulaiman Al Saleh, the Controller of Psychological and Medical Services at the Private Education Department at Kuwait's Ministry of Education,

said the school could not function without the cooperation of the family.

He recommended that systematic contact be maintained between the school and the family saying that the family's contribution was essential.

Abdul Latif Al Ghanem, the Assistant Director at Kuwait's Nationality Department, suggested that all institutions concerned with education should cooperate in the educational process.

He added that the family and the school working together was necessary to the creation of a citizen capable of production and social contributions.

Bangladeshi tea delegation

A SIX-member tea trade delegation led by the Chairman of Bangladesh Tea Board, Dr Nazim Islam, is at present visiting Kuwait on a tea trade mission.

The delegation will explore the market in Kuwait for Bangladeshi tea. The delegation arrived in Kuwait yesterday and will stay till April 14.

Military team

ABU DHABI, April 11. (Kuna): Chief of Staff in the United Arab Emirates armed forces, Major General Mohammed Sa'id Al Badr, today left for Spain leading a military delegation on a few-day visit.

He was seen off by a number of senior military officials.

Consumption of goods drops

THE ADVISOR to the Arab Planning Institute, Dr Ramzi Zaki said the consumption of goods and services dropped dramatically from 1982 to 1985.

In a lecture at the Faculty of Commerce of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Dr Zaki said that this drop was the result of the reduction in the population, especially expatriates, and the decrease in the number of economic projects in the private sector. The government's policy to sell treasury bonds, he added, will have a positive effect on private consumption.

He explained that the problem of controlling consumption of goods and services in Kuwait at the present time was mostly in the hands of the government rather than the private sector. He added that the Kuwait economy is at a critical stage because of the collapse in oil prices, the Iraqi-Iran war and the consequences of the Manakh crisis.

He added that the government was responsible for 30 per cent of the consumption of goods and services during the period from 1971 to 1985, while private consumption represented only 70 per cent during the same period.

Sunsilk relaunched

SUNSIK, a leading beauty shampoo, is being relaunched by the sole agents Mohammed Abdul Rahman Al Bahar, and will soon be available in stores throughout Kuwait.

Sunsilk has been modernised and improved, to incorporate the best elements of Sunsilk world-

wide, while at the same time tailoring Sunsilk to the preferences of Middle Eastern consumers as extensive research has shown.

Sunsilk is available in a flask bottle shape and with a flip-top cap for convenience. It is manufactured in Kuwait by Jassim Al Bahar and Partners.



Pictures show the relaunch presentations being held on Saturday with members of the Kuwaiti wholesale and retail trade.

Sheikh Nawaf receives message from Belgium

THE Minister of Defence, Sheikh Nawaf, yesterday received a message from his Belgian counterpart, Francois Xavier de Donnea. The content of the message was not revealed, however.

It was delivered by the Belgian Ambassador to Kuwait, Marcile van Roy, during a meeting at the minister's office yesterday.

Sheikh Nawaf and the ambassador exchanged talks on military cooperation and ways to boost them.

The minister later separately received ambassadors of the Yemen Arab Republic, Saad Al Hakimi, and Tunisia, Omar Al Ghazaghi.

Revenue stamps

KUWAIT'S Ministry of Communications has announced that revenue stamps for residence transactions are available at the following post offices: General, Safat, Hawalli, Sabmija Central, Fahaeel Central, Ahmadi, Jahra, Shuwaikh Industrial, Khitan and Khaldiya.

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Plotless gossip and tap dancing

By Keith Wells

DIRECTED by Ken Winston, the Kuwait Players' current production of the West End hit show *Stepping Out* is a strange mixture of tap dancing, one line gags and lots of plotless gossip. The show is all about a bunch of ladies, and one man, learning to tap dance in a Church Hall in North London, their rather desultory classes become galvanised when they are asked to perform at a charity show, which provides the climax of the evening.

That brief outline of the plot is in fact all the plot there is. The characters are strictly two-dimensional stereotypes, a few clumsy hints at greater depths are never followed through. To compensate there are some really great lines and the amateur tap dancing show is very convincingly done.

The best performances were those by Lorry Milson, Barbara Colbourne, Carole Jelley and the lone male in the cast, Dave Bullies. The latter plays a shy, stammering widower, which is apparently totally con-



The Grand Finals of 'Stepping Out'

trary to his real personality, and provides plenty of laughs. Lorry Milson, as the raunchy cockney, Sylvia, gets some of



L-R: Sally Appleby, Sue Brown, Carole Jelley, Dave Bullies, Donna Smith and Lorry Milson learning to tap dance

the best lines and delivers them with great relish and panache. She shares with Barbara Colbourne, the ability to even dance in character, which is very impressive. Barbara plays a pretentious snob, forever trying to tidy the place up and make things as ladylike as possible. It's a delicious performance that frequently had the audience in stitches.

Carole Jelley plays Andy, an uptight lady whose inner tension keeps breaking through without ever really being properly explained, much less resolved. Given the limits of the script, Carole does a fine job, and her emotional outburst towards the end is fraught with passion. Donna Smith, who choreographed the show and

plays Mavis the dance teacher, is a fine dancer, but her acting seems to be stuck on one level, there just isn't enough variety or modulation of tone or expression.

Almost every scene ends with a scrap of dancing, just enough to whet the appetite for the grand finale. In the opening scenes the class are utterly unco-ordinated and incompetent and their attempts are quite hilarious, prancing and stumbling around the stage while the audience howls with laughter. They improve slowly, and by the end their two climactic numbers are a gas, earning thunderous applause from the crowd.

The Crystal Ballroom at the Regency Palace Hotel is not really very suitable as a theatre and it is to be hoped that the Players find somewhere more permanent in the near future. Why don't they pool resources with the American Community Theatre? Surely the two groups would have a better chance working together to find suitable premises?

Prestige award for Raj Kapoor

VETERAN thespian Raj Kapoor gets this year's prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke award for contribution to Indian cinema. The awards were announced here today by Information and Broadcasting Minister H.K.L. Bhagat at a press conference attended by feature film jury chairman Shyam Benegal, non-feature film jury chairman Buddhadeb Dasgupta, and other jury members.

"Tamas", the controversial television serial by Govind Nihalan, gets the Nargis Dutt award for the best film on national integration. This film, which stars Om Puri and Deepasahi, gets two other awards; Surekha Sikri wins the award for the best supporting actress, and Vanraj Bhatia takes the award for the best music.

The Assamese film "Halodhia Choraye Baodhan Khai", directed by Annu Barua, gets the best feature film award in the thirty-fifth national awards. While Ajoy Ghoshal's



Raj Kapoor: prestige award

gets the best director award for "Ananthram". He also takes the best screenplay award. The best audiography award is also for "Ananthram", and goes to P. Devadas, T. Krishnanunni and N. Hari Kumar.

Best actor and actress awards went to Kamal Hassan for "Nayakan" and Archana for "Veedu".

The controversial "Bhopal: Beyond Genocide" has taken the award for the best non-feature film. The film is by



Kamal Hassan: best actor

Tapan Bose, Subhasini Mulay and Salim Shaikh.

The award for the best book on cinema went to a Malayalam book, "Kazhachayude Asanthi" by Dr V. Rajakrishnan, and Brajeshwar Madan of Delhi gets the best film journalist award.

K.J. Yesudas gets the best male playback award for the Malayalam film "Unnikale Oru Katha Parayam", and Asha Bhonsale gets the best female playback award for the



K.J. Yesudas: best male playback

Hindi film "Ijaazat". In addition to the best actor award for Kamal Hassan, the film "Nayakan" gets two other

awards; best cinematography goes to P.C. Sriram, and best art director goes to Thotta Tharnibm.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

National Museum
The Palestinian Uprising Exhibition at the National Museum has been extended to April 14. Thirty six paintings are showing their work on the theme of the uprising. Proceeds of sales are for the Uprising Fund. Open daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, until April 14.

Sultan Gallery
"The Islamic Heritage of Spain" opens tonight at 5 pm at the Sultan Gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanim Bldg, Al Soor St.

Ghadir Gallery
Sudanese artist Hasan Haken is showing his drawings at the gallery in Salmiya Complex. It is open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm, until April 21.

CINEMA

Seminar on cinema

A seminar on cinema and its role in the media will be held on April 13 at 7 pm at the Graduate Society, near Kuwait Hilton and US embassy. A British-American film "Courage Along the Divide," a film on the Arab-Israeli conflict will be shown. Farouk Abdul Aziz of the Cine Club, and Kuwait University professor Dr Ghanem Najjar will take part in the seminar. It has been jointly organised by the Cine Club, the Kuwait Women's Cultural Society and the Graduate Society.

British Council
High Rise Donkey, a children's film, will be shown at 6 pm on Wednesday April 13, and 10.30 am on Thursday, April 14, at the British Council gallery in Mansouriya. It is the story of three friends who smuggle an ancient donkey into a block of high rise flats.

Yugoslav Cinema Week
Five short Yugoslav feature films will be shown at the Introducing Yugoslav Cinema week, ending on Wednesday, April 12: "The Maggie Strategy" directed by Zlatko Lavacic.

April 13: "The Two Halves of the Heart", directed by Vefik Hadzisavljevic. All films will be shown at 7.30 pm in the auditorium of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

MUSIC

Lakpals

Lakpals, a popular Sri Lankan musical group will perform at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel on Sunday, 6 pm.

SOCIAL

YMCA Holiday Special

The Young Men's Cricket Association (YMCA) will hold the Holiday Special on May 17. Messiah Beach Hotel. Highlights are music by Top Rank with special competitions such as Made for Each Other Contest, Funky King and Queen. For reservations contact Lancy — 4814914, 9 am to 4 pm, 3981790; 3929518, 5 to 8 pm.

Gernian-Speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee morning is at the Hilton Hotel on April 13 (Wednesday), 10 am, in the Old Failaka Room. All German-speaking women are welcome.

Alumni get-together

The T.K.M. College of Engineering will hold a get-together on April 21 at the SAS Hotel. Those who have not registered please contact 2402945; 4336416 after 7 pm.

Lecture at IAC

A well-known Indian surgeon Dr R.L. Bang will give a talk on "The Concept of Plastic Surgery for Laymen" at the Indian Arts Circle, Funatees, at 6.30 pm on Thursday, April 14. For entry passes contact Shreyas Munshi — Tel: 2423521; 2423740; res: 4881581, Vijay Sharma off: 4747200, res: 2644863; Nair — 4712622.

Daniella

The annual family rally will be held on Friday, April 15. For registration contact Connie — 3947693 before April 10.

THEATRE

Kuwait School of Contemporary Dance

The company will present two ballets "Carnival" and "The Never Ending Story" from April 25 to 29, 8.30 pm nightly, at the Mousetrap Theatre, NES, Jahriya. Tickets — KD 4. From Saturday, April 9, the box office at Mousetrap will be open daily from 4 to 7 pm. For telephone bookings ring 5610673, 8 am to 1 pm.

Stepping Out

Kuwait Players present the comedy "Stepping Out", directed by Ken Winston with choreography by Donna Smith, who also plays the lead.

SPORTS

Colenutt Regatta

Al-Kuhbar Yachting Committee will hold its annual Colenutt dinghy-windsurfing regatta on April 14 and 15 at the TEC Sea Club in Fahaheel. Participants with own dinghy-surfboard; (competition fee KD5) and spectators welcome. For details phone 4842493.

Inter-school Knockout '88

Inter-school Knockout '88: Grand Finals take place on Wednesday on April 13 featuring four schools: Gulf English School, French School, Kuwait English School and Universal American School. Games start at 5 pm. Spectators welcome. Minimum ticket prices including barbecue dinner, beverages and raffle prizes. For details contact the hotel.

PBAK Bowling Tournament

The semi-final and final rounds of the Philippine Bowlers Association (PBAK) handicap bowling tournament will be held on April 15, 9.30 am sharp. The top 30 and nine bowlers for the men's and women's divisions will play three games to select the top 12 (Men) and top four women. Six men and four women will play the step-ladder game.

Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club

Full scale match on (April 12). Kick off: 7.30 pm. All players report at 7.15 pm. Tickets for the Oval Ball are still available from Jon Evans — 5339867; Brian Heade — 5622950.

Hockey Finals

Unity and Al Hilal Hockey Clubs play the finals for the Al Mulla — Mitsubishi Hockey Cup on Friday, April 15, 4.15 pm, at the KOC Hockey Ground, Ahmadi.

K.O.S.A.

Kuwait Offshore Sailing Committee (K.O.S.A.) will hold an extraordinary general meeting on April 19, 1600 hours, at Fahaheel Sea Club. All members are invited to attend.

Goan Cup Tournament

The Young Goans Association, Kuwait, will hold a seven-a-side football tournament on

the first day of Eid Al Fitr at Al Soor Grounds. The draw will be held on the same day at 7.30 am. Tournament commences at 7.45 am. The tournament is open to all communities, subject to approval by organisers. For details contact Tom — 2419409; Almeida — 4813892 ext. 232.

E.M.A.C. Tournament

A tennis tournament for under-16s will be held from April 13 to 16 at the SAS Hotel. Participating teams are from Abu Dhabi, Oman, Damascus, American School of Kuwait, Kuwait English School and New English School. The tournament has been organised by E.M.A.C. (Eastern Mediterranean Activities Conference).

HOTELS

Al the Maridien

Versailles is open for lunch and dinner featuring Continental cuisine; a selection of meat and seafood offered. Live entertainment in the evening. La Brasserie offers business lunch and dinner. Extensive buffet and a la carte service.

Al the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers Arabic and Continental buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Sample the ambience and cuisine in the Coffee Shop, open from 6 am to 1 am.

Al Ramada Al Salam

Dine in the Al Bender Restaurant and get a free raffle ticket with a chance to win KD 1,000 in cash. The offer lasts until April 15.

At the SAS

Experience the charm of the Orient at the Sahrat Al Khema, featuring dinner, live music, raffle prizes and an Arabian Bazaar.

At the Sheraton

Dine in the Hunt Room with live music by the Trio Paradise. For lunch a la carte is offered.

At the Continental

The Gardena features a food and beverage service on The Terrace, a daily buffet dinner and Friday lunch buffet with charcoal grilled specialties; the Darbar offers daily lunch buffet and a la carte for dinner.

At the Hilton

For all-day dining La Palma Restaurant is open daily from 6.30 am to midnight offering Oriental, Continental and international cuisine as well as a large array of sweets and desserts. A full American buffet breakfast is available from 6.30 am to 11 am.

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Al Firdous
Pyat Ki Jeet (Hindi)
Starring: Shashi Kapoor, Rekha

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Kali Dada (Hindi)
Al Fahabeel
Killer Fish

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Granada
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Last Shark
Al Jleeh
Zulam (Bengali)

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 2.15 Holy Quran
- 2.30 World News via Satellite
- 3.35 Tan Tan: cartoon serial
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.05 Magazine D'Actualite
- 4.25 Wa'ma'tassma: daily serial, starring Tamah Al Tamimi, Siha Salem, Sami Qahtan, Hina Mohammad. Historical serial
- 5.15 In Public Service: "Agricultural Magazine" presented by Mahdi Behbahani
- 6.00 Songs
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.05 Afaq Al Fann: Art Horizon. Presented by Abdul Rasool Salman
- 7.35 Animal World: documentary
- 8.00 Hadith Al Usbooh: religious talk - by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar
- 8.15 Good Evening and Local News
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Pages from the History of Kuwait: prepared and presented by Saif Marzouk Al Shamlan



Punkey Brewster is on KTV 2 at 6.30 pm.

- 10.50 Layali Al Hilmiya: Arabic serial, starring Yahya Fakhrani, Firdous Abdul hamid, Huda Sultan, Hussein Yusuif
- 11.40 News Summary
- 11.45 World News via Satellite
- 12.15 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

- 2.30 Opening and Holy Quran
- 2.43 Live telecast of football match, Kuwait vs Jordan
- 4.40 American Basketball, Boston Celtics

- vs Portland Trail Blazers
- 6.05 Cartoon serial
- 6.30 Punkey Brewster: a serial for children.
- 7.00 Beyond 2000: a look at latest advances in science and technology. Tonight, a look at mass-production of watches in Japan; and other innovations.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 You and the Law: a local programme
- 8.50 Leg Work: "The Art of Murder." A missing woman is murdered. And her husband is charged with the crime.
- 9.30 Married with Children: family comedy. Omni: The New Frontier: hosted by Peter Ustinov.
- 10.30 Charlie Chan: thriller, featuring Robert Conrad, Shane Conrad, Christine Conrad.
- 12.00 News summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

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RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

MORNING

- 08.00 Opening
- 08.02 Songs and Music
- 08.05 Thoughts in Islam
- 08.20 Songs and Music
- 08.30 NEWS
- 08.40 Songs and Music
- 08.45 Daily Programme
- 09.00 Songs and Music
- 09.30 They Sold A Million
- 10.00 Our Press Today
- 10.05 Songs and Music
- 11.00 Closedown
- 13.30 NEWS on FM Service

Evening

- 21.00 Opening
- 21.02 In The Latin Mood
- 21.30 NEWS
- 21.45 Point of View
- 21.55 Songs and Music
- 22.00 Religious Programme
- 22.15 In The Groove
- 22.45 Daily Programme
- 23.00 Hit Special
- 23.30 Jazz in Action
- 24.00 Closedown

FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening
- 0830 News
- 0840 Easy Listening
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1330 News
- 1340 Easy Listening
- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Easy Listening
- 1700 Italian Hour
- 1800 Pops
- 2130 News
- 2145 Pops
- 2200 Indian Classical Hour
- 2300 Easy Listening
- 2400 Instrumental Listening

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio News
- 30 12th Best on Record: 19th and 26th Karajan at 80
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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

AN honest man is the noblest work of God — Alexander Pope, English poet (1688-1744)

OPINION

Iran is behind the hijacking

WE should not continue deceiving ourselves. From the first few moments of the hijacking, it appeared that it was executed by a country and not by an organisation.

The carefully planned hijacking and then directing the plane to Mashhad, Iran, certainly suggests that the hijackers are instruments of a state — Iran — the leader of international terrorism.

Frankly speaking, Iran is behind the hijacking and kidnapping operations. It seems that Iran thought that after attacking Bubiyan Island and wounding two Kuwaiti soldiers, Kuwait would be frightened and willing to concede on the issue of Iran's agents imprisoned in Kuwait.

Iran may have thought Kuwaiti strength had weakened and differed from that which was evidenced four years ago when the KAC Airbus was hijacked. Iran must have also thought that the presence of three members of the Kuwaiti ruling family aboard the hijacked plane would force the Kuwaiti leadership to quickly succumb to the will of the hijackers and to Iranian demands.

It is a tragedy that the world still witnesses air piracy and those involved are freed without any deterrent action taken.

Iran is playing the role of the loafer who after hitting an important man is honoured rather than punished. When the important man was asked why he did not punish the loafer, he replied that by honouring him, he would be encouraged to strike a leader, who would most assuredly cut off his head.

This is exactly the case with Iran. Iran thought that when the world ignored its acts it was because they were frightened. Iran forgot that it cannot continue its policy of disturbing world peace.

Throughout the past 30 years, the Kuwaiti leadership has given the world many lessons in principles, from which Kuwait has never deviated.

We have experienced the fact that anyone who wishes to harm this country, will eventually harm himself.

We do not claim to have power, since we do not have weapons like the Soviet Union, the advancements of the US or the power of Western Europe. What we have, is testimony from the whole world that we are a country of principles.

The hijackers and Iran have greatly miscalculated their venture, although they have proven very efficient in planning the hijacking.

The Kuwaiti political leadership has been trying to deal with Iran logically and reasonably. Iran will one day be taught a tough lesson.

Iran should study carefully the story of the loafer before it's too late and before most of its leaders are tried as war criminals.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Lacklustre organisation's record of dismal failures changing

Afghanistan accord lifts UN spirits

By Michael Littlejohns

UNITED NATIONS, (Reuters): The UN-sponsored Afghanistan accord has lifted spirits here, encouraging hopes that the lacklustre organisation's record of dismal failures may at last be changing.

Officials including Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar hesitated to trumpet success before the agreement had been given a chance to work, but the mood was upbeat.

"The UN finally hit a home run," one delegate said. By common consent, it was badly needed after years of being relegated to the sidelines and dismissed by a growing body of critics as little more than a high-living talking shop.

The accord is also Perez de Cuellar's first political success since he succeeded Kurt Waldheim — now the controversial president of Austria — in January 1982. The accord was negotiated by Under-Secretary-General Diego Cordovez, but he functioned as Perez de Cuellar's personal representative and was under his direction.

The secretary-general himself began the Afghanistan peace initiative in February 1981 as

Waldheim's emissary. When he succeeded Waldheim, Perez de Cuellar turned over his Afghanist responsibilities to Cordovez, a career UN official from Ecuador.

Because of their joint role, both men have been mentioned as possible candidates for the 1988 Nobel peace prize. Perez de Cuellar is counting no chickens before they are hatched. Ever cautious, he still calls the agreement a first step.

"Its implementation in good faith, as for any agreement, remains a key condition," he said in a statement welcoming the outcome of seven years of talks.

Cordovez's latest Geneva round of talks was the 12th. In April 1982, he began visits to Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran and made six more arduous trips to the region before an accord was reached.

Early in his negotiations, Cordovez said that 95 per cent of the agreement was drafted. As the talks dragged on, friends often teased him about the remaining five per cent — the hard part as it included the necessary Soviet assent to a timetable for the start and completion of troop withdrawals.

These are to begin on May 15,

take nine months to complete and he monitored by UN military observers.

If there was a major flaw in Cordovez's settlement plan, diplomats said, it was the absence of provision for a ceasefire between Afghan government troops and the insurgent forces of the mujahadeen.

One Western ambassador, drawing a finger across his throat in an expressive gesture, said he feared a bloodbath if Afghans again took up arms to settle political scores as Soviet troops pulled out.

If so, the United Nations could be drawn in militarily, as it was in the former Belgian Congo in the 1960s at huge costs for the organisation.

Quarrelled Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld lost his life in 1961 on a Congo peace mission and the United Nations came close to collapse as the major powers quarrelled over its role in the strife-torn African state.

But in Geneva, UN negotiator Cordovez appeared optimistic on Friday that Afghanistan would not duplicate the Congo experience.

"The Afghans are tired of hostilities and they don't want any more suffering," he said.

Cordovez expressed no doubt that they would work together for the peace the accord was intended to achieve.

Perez de Cuellar's caution about the future notwithstanding, in the flush of satisfaction over Cordovez's successful negotiations, the UN community appeared more inclined this weekend to accentuate the positive.

One immediate effect of the accord is expected to be an upsurge of goodwill for the Soviet Union, whose relations with the Third World majority here were severely strained by the Afghanistan intervention.

When Soviet troops withdraw from Afghanistan, there will be 17 groups contending for power.

They can be divided largely into four camps: The People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) in Kabul; ex-king Zahir Shah, exiled in Rome; the eight-party alliance of Islamic Revolution based in Iran, and the seven-party Islamic Unity of Afghan Mujahadeen based in Pakistan.

The PDPA seized power in Kabul in 1979, setting up a one-party state backed by Soviet forces.

It is plagued by in-fighting between its two major factions, the Parcham (Flag) and the

Khalq (Masses) and the schism could widen after a Soviet withdrawal.

Although party leaders have publicly embraced pluralism, a mixed economy and Islam, they are still seen as pro-Soviet communists.

President Najibullah, 41, is overall PDPA leader and belongs to the Parcham faction. A former secret policeman who has been in power since 1986, Najibullah is hated by guerrilla groups and refugees.

Enemies Despite the "national reconciliation policy" he launched last year, he is seen as an unlikely peacemaker with too many enemies to play a leading role in post-Soviet Afghanistan.

Former King Zahir Shah, 73, has lived in Rome since he was toppled by his cousin, Mohammed Daoud, in a 1973 coup, but he remains popular among Afghans including refugees.

Many say he has the status and authority to establish a transitional government and is staying above party political strife, awaiting the right moment to make his move.

The former monarch, seen by some as an outdated symbol and opposed by hardline Muslims because of his ties with Moscow

in the 1950s, has rejected any coalition with the PDPA.

The eight-party Alliance of Islamic Revolution, claiming a total mujahadeen (guerrilla) strength of 100,000, is active in Shi'ite-dominated central Afghanistan.

The Alliance, led by clergy, advocates an Iranian-style Islamic government. A coalition between this group and the Marxists they describe as "killers of a million martyrs" is unthinkable.

The biggest of the Alliance's eight groups is the Nasr (victory) Organisation with 40,000 guerrillas. Dating back to Zahir Shah's reign, Nasr is run by a council of clerics and laymen based in Tehran.

Another leading member of the alliance is the Harkat-e-Islami (Islamic Movement), established in 1979 and active in 17 provinces including Kabul. It is led by Ayatollah Mohammed Nasser Mohseni, in his 50s, who has fought against Marxists for 13 years.

The third main member is the Pasdaran-e Jihad-e Islami (Guardians of Islamic Holy War), whose guerrillas were active for some time before the group's formal organisation in Iran in 1980.



French hostage stories stir controversy

By John Phillips

PARIS, (UPI): The widow of French hostage Michel Saurat has launched a bitter attack on Prime Minister Jacques Chirac and President Francois Mitterrand in a dramatic book that both are ignoring as presidential elections draw near.

"The prime minister, who on taking office reproached his predecessor for sending 'gray characters' walking from airport to airport, a few months later showed himself to be even less sensitive," Marie Saurat writes of Chirac in "The Crows of Aleppo," a new paperback rapidly becoming a bestseller.

Coincidentally, former hostage Roger Auque stepped into the fray with another book, "A Hostage in Beirut," which outraged the French left by saying many of those who held him captive for 319 days were Palestinians.

"His claims to have been detained by Palestinians are hardly convincing," fumed Francoise Chippaux, a reviewer for the pro-Socialist Le Monde newspaper. "All the evidence is that he was held at the instigation of Tehran."

Vietnam, which calls the islands the Truong Sa, says it has had sovereignty over the archipelago, which lies about 250 nautical miles off its east coast, for centuries.

China, which calls them the Nanhai Islands, says its claim goes back more than 2,000 years, and cites Vietnamese government atlases and school books from the 1970s as acknowledging this.

Hanoi says the fighting involved Vietnamese defence against a Chinese landing party. Beijing said it involved Chinese defence against a Vietnamese landing party on one of the islands.

One theory considered by some Western diplomats is that China, by sending its forces to the islands, might have been challenging the Soviet Union, which has a treaty of friendship with Vietnam.

"They may have calculated — rightly — that the Soviet Union would not come out too strongly for Vietnam, and that might underline Hanoi's sense of being on their own," one analyst said. Another speculated that China might have deliberately stirred up trouble in the South China Sea to remind the United States of the fragility of security in the area.

The books could pose questions for Chirac and Mitterrand, both candidates in the presidential election April 24. Any movement on the hostage issue would be useful for Chirac's shot at the presidency, political experts say. Mitterrand accuses Chirac of playing politics with the captives.

The hostage issue is still very much alive. A shadowy emissary of the interior minister, former secret service agent Jean-Louis Marchiani, last week visited Lebanon's Bekaa Valley as part of ongoing negotiations with Iran for three remaining French hostages, journalist Jean-Paul Kaufman and diplomats Marcel Carton and Marcel Fontaine.

"If you want the hostages to be freed, I only can advise you not to talk about them," Interior Minister Charles Pasqua told reporters Tuesday.

Pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad gunmen kidnapped Saurat's husband Michel, a brilliant orientalist, on West Beirut's Airport Road May 22, 1985. On March 5 the next year they announced his "execution."

The French government never acknowledged his death, which followed the expulsion of two

Iraqi dissidents from Paris to Baghdad. Marie Saurat learned of her husband's fate by chance.

"A technical adviser who was mixed up in the negotiations confided in a personal capacity that my husband died at the end of 1985, that his corpse is lying in the cemetery of Raoudat-Al-Chahidays (in Beirut's southern suburbs) but that the French Foreign Ministry refused to repatriate him as proposed," she writes.

"I have never understood the attitude of the French officials with whom I had contact, from the head of state right down to the most modest diplomat."

"I was not asking them to make an act of contribution for his kidnapping or his death," she explained. "He was a volunteer for a dangerous post. I only hoped that they could have done more to try and save him. Was that too much to ask?"

French media of all political shades refrained from publishing Saurat's account of an audience in which Mitterrand "welcomed us and installed himself on his sofa-throne and flashed an icy smile."

"You know madame," she quotes him saying. "I am not at all in favour of the arms sold to

Dalai Lama dreams a hopeless dream

By Al Webb

LONDON, (UPI): Tibet's Dalai Lama, not your run-of-the-mill eastern mystic, has a firm grasp of realism — and the reality that sticks painfully in his throat is that there are a lot more Chinese than Tibetans.

His dream, and that of the 6 million people of his homeland, is of independence. But the realism that he stoically accepts means the dream is destined to remain just that for the foreseeable future.

The Dalai Lama is the spiritual leader of Tibet. But he has not seen his home in the Himalayan mountain province in 29 years, and something in his haunted brown eyes tells you he doesn't expect to in this lifetime.

It was in 1950 that China invaded Tibet, an independent



Dalai Lama

nation since 1912. An abortive war in 1959 failed, and the Dalai Lama, with some 100,000 of his followers, fled across the mountains to exile in India.

His wandering exile brought the diminutive Buddhist to Britain this month, ostensibly on a preaching mission but in fact an ill-disguised journey on behalf of his people's quest for more freedom from Beijing's rule.

Clashed His message is one of political realism, and it is hardly likely to hearten Tibetan rebels who have increasingly clashed with Beijing authorities in recent months. One anti-Chinese demonstration left at least five dead in Lhasa in March.

Violence, said the Dalai Lama in an interview, is not the solution. "Violence is inhuman. Violent methods may solve some problems, but it will create other problems."

Then, the stark political reality that the odds are stacked against Tibet: "If we follow the militant way, we 6 million Tibetans, the Chinese can send in 60 million soldiers and settlers and crush us. The finish."

The shaven-headed mystic delivers his message in clear English, in soft voice that is remarkably low for an oriental — but with a gentle, yet forceful intensity that hints at his deep-rooted beliefs.

The Dalai Lama is, quite literally, a man who would not hurt a fly. His Buddhism forbids doing harm to living creatures, as does the role for which he was

chosen 49 years ago — the reincarnation of Chenrezig, the Buddha of compassion.

He was a 4-year-old child known as Lalaiunchu, or Tanseng Gyatso, who was sought out in 1939, picked as the 14th incarnation of the Dalai Lama and taken under the wing of Buddhist monks to prepare him for the leadership of his adult life.

Onerous He grew to face a singularly onerous task unlike that of any of his former reincarnations: dealing with a communist China that eschews all things religious.

In the gentle voice, the bitterness is evident as he talks of recent years, of "the Chinese invasion of Tibet, the destruction of our monasteries and the loss of our religious freedom."

He is a politician, in the same league as Cambodia's Prince Norodom Sihanouk and Jordan's King Hussein, and knows just when to phrase in the mollifying word or phrase.

"The Chinese leadership, compared with the '60s and '70s, is much improved, much changed — a more human face." Then, with a slight twinkle in his eyes, a subtle dig: "But more progress can be made."

The Dalai Lama's quest is getting scant support from governments such as that of Britain, which with its vested interest in dealing with China over the future of Hong Kong wants little to do officially with this controversial mountain man of the religion.

Inconvenience Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's ministers "find some inconvenience" in meeting him, he says with a note of sadness. Again in that remarkably light-hearted tone, he adds: "But that's no problem for me."

His problem is a future for Tibet, a country in turmoil, "especially among young people (who) prefer a more radical approach" — that is, violence.

The Dalai Lama is developing what he says is his own "middle way," which would mean "not complete independence, but equal status and mutual respect — our own land within a republic of China where we are master and China is helper."

Standing up to US easier now than before

By George Gedda

WASHINGTON, (AP): In a simpler time, when the United States was better able to throw its weight around, it took little more than a snap of a finger in Washington to bring down a Central American strongman who ran afoul of American interests.

But those days are gone, as President Ronald Reagan's administration is finding in its efforts to depose Panama's Manuel Antonio Noriega. The general's resilience in the face of relentless US pressure has caused surprise and anguish and even a degree of grudging admiration in Washington.

As yet, there is still no happy ending to the crisis in sight. And as a result, the Reagan administration has been getting it from all sides.

Some criticise it for cooperating with Noriega for so long despite suspicions of his involvement in drug trafficking. Others say it has not gone far enough since breaking with him to force his ouster, while still others maintain that administration policies are misguided because

they have harmed the Panamanian people more than Noriega.

Among other measures, the administration has blocked Panamanian access to \$50 million in official Panamanian funds on deposit in American banks and suspended payments for canal-related services.

This has contributed to a financial collapse in Panama that, in turn, has led to widespread deprivation. Noriega has sought to portray the crisis as the product of American interventionism while the United States insists that Noriega himself is responsible through actions that have led to deep alienation among Panamanians.

Protect The administration's latest tactic is to try to create dissension in the Panamanian defence forces, which Noriega heads. The administration believes that the more the defence forces think the United States may resort to military intervention, the more likely they will be to turn against Noriega and force him into exile.

This explains why the administration has refused to foreclose, publicly at least, the option of

military intervention. It also was probably a contributing factor to the administration's decision to send 2,100 military forces to Panama over the past week.

The administration insists that the troops are being sent to protect American citizens and interests in Panama and for routine training exercises. The troop deployment has nothing to do with Noriega, the Pentagon insists.

Still, US officials would not be unhappy if the arrival of all these American soldiers generates nervousness within the Panamanian military.

"There are only a few thousand members of the PDF who are supposedly battle-trained," said one official, insisting on anonymity. "They are not eager to take on the American military. They might conclude that their best hope of avoiding that possibility is to get rid of Noriega."

Noriega's staying power contrasts with the way things used to be in the Caribbean. In 1903, when Panama was a part of Colombia, the combination of a few hired hands sent to stir up

trouble in Panama City and the deployment of American naval forces offshore led to Panama's secession from Colombia. Almost without effort, a new nation was created.

The United States promptly recognised the fledgling state and, within two weeks, Panama signed a treaty giving the United States the perpetual right to a canal zone and the authority to build a transoceanic waterway.

It was easier to get things done in those days but the United States is now paying for the heavy-handedness of that era. As evidence, no Latin American country has voiced support for current administration policy toward Panama because each is worried it may some day be a US target if it does something to displease Washington.

Six weeks after the crisis erupted, no quick solution is apparent. The Reagan administration could increase the pressure on Noriega by imposing a total trade embargo against Panama but many officials fear that, as before, the primary victims of such a strategy would be Panamanians and not Noriega.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1545 — France's King Francis I orders massacre of Vaudois Protestants.

1621 — French forces under King Louis XIII set out to crush Huguenot rebellion.

1624 — Ireland and Scotland are united with England.

1815 — Austria declares war on Joachim Murat, king of Naples, for occupying Rome.

1850 — French troops restore Pope Pius IX and occupy Rome.

1861 — US civil war starts as Confederates (south) take Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina.

1945 — US President Franklin D. Roosevelt dies at age 63, and Harry S. Truman is sworn in as his successor.

1957 — West German nuclear physicists refuse to cooperate in producing or testing of atomic weapons.

1961 — Soviet Union puts first man in space-cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin makes safe landing after one orbit of earth.

1963 — First armed attack by Indonesian forces on Malaysia.

1966 — US bombers carry out their first strikes against North Vietnam.

1975 — Cambodia's Premier Long Boret announces that military government is in charge in his country and will continue fighting communists.

1986 — Commander of "Khalistan Commando Force" terrorists says his rebels are recruiting guerrilla Army to battle Indian military for an independent Sikh nation in Punjab state.

1987 — Soviet media reports that two cosmonauts walking in space successfully linked space module to their orbital space station Mir.

Arabic calligraphy: لا إله إلا الله محمد رسول الله

Kuwait will not yield to blackmail

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Sheikh Sabah called the hijackers "outlaws" and "murderers", describing the incident as a "case of terrorism and a human tragedy."

He said: "Kuwait's position is unshakable. It (Kuwait) has suffered a lot from terrorism — inside and outside Kuwait — but we will not yield to pressure."

Sheikh Sabah, disclosing the identity of the seven hijackers, said four carried Bahraini, two Iraqi and one Colombian passports. All passports were forged, he added.

The identity of the hijackers was released for the first time.

"We must admit they are Arabs, speaking Arabic with a Lebanese accent," he said, declining to comment.

He declined to comment on the possibility of a task force storming the plane saying that any statement at this stage would endanger the lives of the hostages.

Sheikh Sabah said Kuwait would deal firmly with the hijackers and would ask for their extradition to Kuwait after the "safe return of the passengers."

Request

"They (hijackers) have killed Kuwaitis on a Kuwaiti airliner. We will certainly request their extradition."

He said terrorists are not "Muslims, Christians or even Jews. They are murderers."

Commenting on the members of the Al Sabah family held hostage on the airliner, he said: "We are all equal. Kuwaitis are a big family. There are no elites and there is no difference between any Kuwaitis."

HH the Amir of Kuwait, closing the OIC's follow-up meeting, said he "shared the ordeal of the passengers" and was touched by the "common sentiments and comprehension" shared by the members of the OIC.

OIC Secretary-General Sharifuddin Pirzada, who read a statement at the close of the bureau meetings, called on all Muslim states and international bodies to support Kuwait at this critical juncture.

The OIC also urged US to rescind its decision to close the PLO office in Washington.

The statement also expressed



HH the Amir (centre) Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah (right) and OIC Secretary General Sharifuddin Pirzada (left) during a session of the meeting of the bureau of the fifth Islamic summit conference and chairmen of the standing committees.

"deep concern" for the Iran-Iraq conflict and stressed the need for a cessation of hostilities. It urged the warring partners to seek a peaceful solution to all outstanding problems.

The OIC called for total withdrawal of Israeli troops from all occupied Arab territories in the Syrian Golan Heights and Lebanese Golan Heights.

It reaffirmed PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people. It also condemned the recent Israeli threats against Saudi Arabia.

The OIC leaders praised the "heroic struggle" of the Afghan Mujahideen. They welcomed the Soviet proposal to withdraw troops and hoped for a comprehensive solution under the Geneva Agreement. It also emphasised the need for economic reconstruction of Afghanistan.

Soviets deplore terrorist act

MOSCOW, April 11, (Agencies): The Soviet Union today condemned the hijacking of the Kuwaiti Boeing 747.

A Soviet Foreign Ministry official told Tass news agency that the "Soviet Union strongly denounced the hijack of the Kuwaiti plane and the detention of its passengers as hostages."

The official described the act as a "new operation by international terrorism."

The Soviet official underlined that what is happening "is a crime under current international conventions, which again reminds the international community of the importance of intensifying efforts in fighting international terrorism."

Disarmament

He said that the "Soviet Union opposes any form of international terrorism and is an advocate of wide-ranging and effective cooperation in the cause of preventing it in accordance with international law."

In Dhaka, Bangladesh President Hussain Muhammad

Ershad expressed his shock and dismay at the hijacking and the dastardly execution of one of the passengers.

The President, in a message to HH the Amir of Kuwait said Bangladesh people and government are greatly anguished.

Ershad condemned the cowardly act and extended Bangladesh's total support to Kuwaiti government's efforts to end the tragic episode.

The Kuwait Journalists Association (KJA) has also condemned the hijacking.

On behalf of the Christian community in Kuwait a group of 12 persons prayed for the speedy end of the hijacking and expressed solidarity with Kuwait.

An Iraq-based Iranian opposition group accused Tehran's leaders today of involvement in the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner.

Massoud Rajavi, leader of the Mujahideen-e-Khalq Organisation, condemned the hijack and the murder of two Kuwaitis held on the plane.



HH the Amir with PLO leader Yasser Arafat

Hijackers kill second hostage

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At one point when the control tower tried to defuse tension by sending Abdul to talk to the hijackers one of them exclaimed: "Palestinians are not our problem, but the Cypriot government is."

Agencies add: Officials delivered food requested by the gunmen. It was bawled into the jet by rope in two large plastic bags, each containing 25 smaller packages with two pieces of bread, a cake and a bottle of cola.

Tighter

There was no sign of any tighter security round the plane, parked in a turning area off the end of the main runway about 400 metres from the terminal and 100 metres from the perimeter fence.

Three camouflaged military trucks entered the airport at one point and later drove away. There was no indication of what they may have carried.

There are 52 people aboard the Kuwait Airways Boeing 747. They include the hijackers masked by blue hoods fashioned from airline pillow cases, armed with grenades and handguns.

Doctors at Larnaca morgue said the side of the killed man's face was badly injured, possibly because he had been beaten before he was killed. His hands were tied behind his back.

A newsman, who saw the body in the mortuary, said the man appeared to have had a white bag pulled over his face before being shot in the forehead.

"The bag was stuck to his face like a second skin by the blood", he said.

Three hours after killing the second hostage, the hijackers put one of the passengers, identified as Fadi Marzouk Al Oteibi, on the radio.

Speaking in Arabic, he told the control tower in a shaky voice: "The hijackers say that if you don't give us fuel they will kill all the passengers. Please listen to this and greetings to my family."

The hijackers are demanding Kuwait release 17 pro-Iranian terrorists, three of them sentenced to death, convicted in 1984 for bombing the US and French embassies in Kuwait the previous December.

But sources close to the negotiations said the hijackers today modified their demand by asking for the three men condemned to death to be freed.

Kuwait, which has repeatedly refused to free anyone, apparently rejected that.

The plane was hijacked on Tuesday with 112 people aboard on a flight from Bangkok to Kuwait and forced down in Mashhad, northeast Iran, where 57 people were freed.

Another captive, an ailing 32-year-old Kuwaiti, was freed in Larnaca on Saturday, apparently after PLO intervention.

The hijackers' reference to a "neutral country" today was the first time since landing at Larnaca that they have given any inkling of where they want to fly if they get the fuel they demand.

They did not name any country. But a Kuwaiti daily reported that Algerian officials have become involved in the negotiations.

On Sunday, the hijackers threatened to take off and force the pilot to crash the jumbo jet into the royal palace in Kuwait city. But they did not say how they would do that without being refuelled.

The US government expressed firm support today for the refusal by Cypriot officials to comply with a demand by the hijackers of a Kuwait Airways jet that the aircraft be refuelled.

Abide

State Department spokesman Charles Redman also said the United States supports Kuwait's decision not to abide by the hijackers' demand for the release of 17 convicted terrorists in that country.

"The hijackers are murderers trying to free other convicted murderers," Redman said. "They must be punished."

He added that the United States is "appalled at the cold-blooded murder of two innocent hostages" aboard the aircraft.

Jordan called today for international cooperation to prevent hijackings such as the seizure of a Kuwaiti airliner now at Larnaca airport in Cyprus.

"This is the sort of thing which all countries of the world should cooperate very closely and put an end to once and for all," Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifa'i said of the hijacking.

Ammunition dump blast death toll rises to 93

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type of armaments which went off in Sunday's explosion.

The United States is one of the main armours of Afghan guerrillas and it funnels weapons through Pakistan. The arms have included artillery, anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles.

Echoing a widely-heard opinion, the respected Muslim newspaper said the government had much to answer for, adding in an editorial: "The first and most fundamental question is why an ammunition dump was situated in a heavily-populated area between the twin cities, which is also an intersection for heavy commuter traffic."

The Frontier Post, asking the same question, called the carnage a "do-it-yourself disaster" that far exceeded damage done by booby-trap bombs that have gone off in recent years in northern areas near Afghanistan.

Opposition politicians and trade union leaders demanded the government move all arms depots away from populated areas.

UK, France to help Jordan buy warplanes

AMMAN, April 11, (Reuters): France and Britain will finance Jordan's planned purchases of French Mirage and British Tornado combat aircraft, Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifa'i said today.

King Hussein on Jordan signed memoranda of understanding to buy 20 Mirage-2000 fighters and eight Tornados during visits to Paris and London in February.

"Negotiations are going on now about the details, the technical specifications, the exact cost and so on," Rifa'i said.

"We hope to sign the agreements when they are ready."

"We have received financing offers from the British and French governments with a grace period and payments over a certain number of years," he said.

Western diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, reported talk of a military coup attempt. Some embassies said they received anonymous telephone calls warning of a terrorist bombing shortly before the depot blew up at around 10 am (0500 GMT).

Rumours and bomb hoaxes are frequent in the Pakistani capital.

Two people were killed and at least 100 injured today when police clashed with mobs of students who tried to close shops in northern Kashmir state to show sympathy for the victims of the weekend explosion in Pakistan.

The injured included 70 policemen, the news agency said. Police opened fire in at least four neighbourhoods to disperse mobs that were looting and burning stores in Srinagar, the state's capital, UNI said. They also hurled teargas shells and charged with wooden staves to scatter mobs trying to close other shops, it said.

Without giving details, Rifa'i said Saudi Arabia and other Gulf Arab states were providing no direct financial assistance for the aircraft deals.

Helped

Saudi Arabia, which diplomats say has helped to finance some of Jordan's past military spending, pays the kingdom nearly \$360 million a year to help to meet its chronic budget deficit.

"They (the Saudis) just help the Jordanian budget, which anyway also helps us to meet our commitments," Rifa'i said.

The payments were agreed at the 1978 Arab League summit in Baghdad. Under a 10-year agreement, Jordan, as a frontline state facing Israel, was supposed to receive money from several other Arab states but only Riyadh has fully kept its pledges.

Israel deports 8 Palestinians

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houses of 13 residents — including four served with deportation orders today — have been demolished and more than 30 were arrested.

Hundreds of olive trees, a mainstay of the local economy, were uprooted in a field outside the village in what an Army spokesman described as a "security measure."

Ordered

The Army said today one of the houses might have been blown up by mistake. Army sources said that Israeli troops are firing marbles of the kind used in children's game at rock-throwing demonstrators.

The High Court of Justice ordered the Army today to allow Beit residents to appeal demolition orders to area military commanders and to give them 48 hours to file lawsuits to halt demolitions.

The deportations came on a day when Rabin and top military commanders met with leaders of Jewish settlements in the territories to discuss additional security measures.

Despite the results of the investigation, the Army has severely punished Beit residents. The

Arab summit to be held in June

TUNIS, April 11, (Reuters): Arab states have decided to hold an emergency summit in the first week of June, resisting calls for an earlier meeting as the US presses on with a faltering Middle East peace initiative.

The summit in Algiers to review support for a Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territories was announced after a six-monthly foreign ministers' meeting of the 21-member Arab League here yesterday.

Arab League members includ-

ing the PLO, anxious to coordinate top-level Arab backing for the four-month-old uprising in the West Bank and Gaza, had pressed for a summit this month.

But most League members, meeting after US Secretary of State George Shultz's second Middle East tour in a month failed to produce a breakthrough, decided to hide their time.

Algeria, which called a month ago for the summit, is charged with arranging a precise date for it. The summit will now fall after

the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan starting in a week's time.

Shultz has said he expects to return for a third Middle East tour this year to press the US peace initiative, which calls for an international peace conference before direct Arab-Israeli talks.

The Arab League meeting also condemned the "terrorist" hijacking to Cyprus of a Kuwaiti airliner, which was commandeered on Tuesday.

Iraq fires three missiles into Tehran

NICOSIA, April 11, (Agencies): Iraq fired three missiles into Tehran and the ancient Iranian city of Isfahan today, ending a three-day lull in the so-called "war of the cities." Iran said at least 20 civilians were killed.

There was no immediate retaliation by the Iranians. But the official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted a military spokesman in Tehran as saying Iran would mete out "good punishment" and "razed to the ground the dens of mischief in Baghdad and elsewhere in Iraq."

The official Iraqi News Agency said it launched the salvo of long-range Al Hussein missiles in retaliation for Iranian artillery barrages on residential districts of Khanaqin and two other border cities yesterday.

Iran, at war with Iraq for 7-1/2 years, denied the charge.

The Iraqis fired several missiles in Tehran and other cities before dawn on Friday as Iran's 20-25 million voters prepared to go to the polls to elect a new 270-seat Majlis, or Parliament.

But they stopped the barrage after that, in what INA said was an effort to "facilitate the vote-casting process, hoping that new, responsible elements would be elected to Parliament who might seriously view the question of the war and put an end to it."

Iran, said the Iraqis had sought to disrupt the balloting and said a "massive turnout at the polls... was a bitter defeat for the tottering regime in Baghdad."

Iran confirmed one missile strike on Tehran today and one on Isfahan.

It said a mosque, a hospital and homes were damaged in the two cities.

Iran also reported five civilians were killed and seven wounded in an Iraqi air raid near the northwestern city of Orumiyyeh today and several killed when Iraqi warplanes dropped chemical bombs on Marivan, 140 miles (225 kilometres) to the south, late Sunday.

Iran said Iraqi warplanes attempted to bomb Isfahan, in central Iran, today, but were driven off by fierce anti-aircraft fire.

The latest bout in the war of the cities, which the two sides have waged intermittently since 1984, erupted Feb 29 after the Iraqis bombed an oil refinery on Tehran's outskirts.

Since then, the Gulf war foes have lobbed more than 300 missiles into each other's cities, killing hundreds of civilians, despite efforts by the United Nations and others to end the carnage.

Iran reported that following last Friday's parliamentary polls, officials have declared the results in 160 of the 270 electoral districts, but gave no indication as to who had won.

The agency quoted Baqer Karimian, head of the elections headquarters, as saying that "despite Iraqi air and missile attacks, the number of people who voted increased by 40 per cent" over the last elections in 1984.

Iran noted that more than 14 million votes have so far been counted. The final result was not expected to be known for several days.

Iranians vow to demonstrate during haj

NICOSIA, April 11, (Reuters): Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini said today that Iranian haj pilgrims will demonstrate in Saudi Arabia this year, Tehran Radio said.

The radio said Khomeini told visiting haj officials: "God willing 150,000 pilgrims will go to haj from Iran this year... It is impossible that our pilgrims go to haj but not demonstrate against world arrogance."

The Arah League meeting also condemned the "terrorist" hijacking to Cyprus of a Kuwaiti airliner, which was commandeered on Tuesday.

More than 400 people, mostly Iranians, were killed in clashes during an Iranian-led demonstration in Makkah last July.

Iran said Saudi security forces had attacked peaceful demonstrators with firearms, but Riyadh blamed the violence on the Iranians.

The Saudis warned they would prevent demonstrations during the Muslim pilgrimage this year. A Saudi minister last week

announced quotas on pilgrims which would cut down the number from Iran by two-thirds, to about 50,000.

Tehran Radio, said Khomeini made the remarks to four Iranian haj officials who asked his opinion on the number of pilgrims and demonstrations in this year's ceremonies.

Khomeini said Iranians would demonstrate against infidels, the United States and Israel.



Mudarresi

Suicide squad

THE hijackers of a KAC Boeing 747 belong to a suicide organisation of over 500 persons led by an Iranian, Mohammad Taki Eldin Mudarresi, 42, according to a local newspaper.

It reported that the organisation is working under the name "Islamic Action Organisation" and is under the direct supervision of the Iranian Revolutionary Council.

The organisation has training camps at Mashhad, Iran, and in Lebanon, and members are trained for suicidal operations.

Contact

The newspaper's sources said that Kuwait had asked PLO leader Yasser Arafat to contact Mudarresi to arrange the release of the hostages, but Mudarresi refused.

The Islamic Action Organisation was founded in Iran in 1979 by Ayatollah Sayed Mohammad Al Sherazi who was later thrown out by Ayatollah Khomeini because he was a supporter of Khomeini's opponent, Ayatollah Shariat Madari.

Mudarresi was then appointed to lead the organisation, being promoted from commander of armed operations.

Assisted

Mudarresi is a PhD in Islamic Sharia, and has published many books on religion and philosophy.

He is concentrating on training teenagers and minors to carry out terrorist activities in Gulf states, and is assisted by his brother Hadi.

Another newspaper said that Iran "masterminded" the hijacking and added that it supplied the gunmen with arms and ammunition at Mashhad.

"All information and evidence available indicate that Iran planned the operation and that the hijackers are Iranian agents," it said.

"In response to instructions of the Iranian authorities, three more gunmen joined the four hijackers who were originally aboard the jetliner."

India raps Pakistan on nuclear build-up

NEW DELHI, April 11, (Reuters): India accused Pakistan today of undermining south Asian security by seeking to build nuclear weapons and increase military links with the United States.

"Pakistan's weapons-oriented nuclear programme and its quest for sophisticated weapons has led to serious deterioration of the security environment in the region," the Defence Ministry's

1987/88 report to Parliament said.

Islamabad says its nuclear programme is peaceful. India exploded a nuclear device in 1974.

The report attacked Washington for going ahead with a \$4 billion economic and military aid package to Islamabad despite "further proof becoming available of Pakistan's single-minded quest for nuclear weapons."

"Quite apparently, the USA's non-proliferation concerns have yielded place to the need for ensuring Pakistan's continuing as a strategic ally," the 130-page report said.

Pakistan insists its nuclear programme is entirely peaceful and non-military but many Western officials and independent scientists say it is trying illegally to acquire foreign technology to enrich uranium.

Besides "a sizeable quantitative increase in its armed forces, Pakistan has been seeking to gain a technological edge over India by acquiring sophisticated weapons systems," the report said.

"Not only have these developments led to a serious deterioration of our security environment but they also tended to prompt the diversion of scarce resources from development to defence."

WOMEN

By Shirley Lowe

PRINCESS Yasmin Khan had a rotten childhood. But what can you expect when your mother is labelled Hollywood's "Love Goddess" and your father is an international playboy? Rita Hayworth and Prince Aly Khan seemed to have too much of everything—looks, talent, money—to be happy.

They were divorced when Princess Yasmin was three. There followed a "tug of love" battle, played out in the tabloids (at one point, Rita and Aly were on either side of Lake Tahoe, she with husband Dick Haymes, he with Gene Tierney, and the child went from one side to the other), a couple of unsatisfactory stepfathers, a court Jurisdiction Order when Rita was accused of neglecting her two young daughters, and the death of her father in a car crash, when she was 10 years old.

And yet, around the time when Joan Crawford's daughter and Bette Davis's daughter were crucifying their mothers in print, Princess Yasmin gave up a promising singing career to look after her mother, who was slowly dying of Alzheimer's, a degenerative brain disease.

"Look, it's Rita," she would say, leading her mother to the mirror. But Rita Hayworth no longer knew who she was. "Sometimes she'd smile when I came into the room," says Princess Yasmin, "and then two words would come out and I'd wonder if she sometimes understood, but just couldn't articulate. That was why it was so important to talk, to tell her what was happening, to touch her with love." It is nearly a year since Rita Hayworth died, 68 years old, bedridden, totally helpless, her mind a tragic blank. "I think about her a lot," Princess Yasmin says. "I do miss her. I miss my father, too."

Failure

Aged 38, she lives in a comfortable apartment in a Thirties block overlooking Central Park, with her two-year-old son, Andrew. She was married to Basil Emmerichs, the son of a Greek shipping family, in 1985 and divorced a few months ago.

The failure of her marriage has, she says firmly, nothing to do with her mother and every-

Fighting Alzheimer's disease

It is a nearly a year since the former screen siren Rita Hayworth died aged 68, helpless, bedridden, her mind a hopeless blank due to Alzheimer's disease. Princess Yasmin Aly Khan, her daughter by Prince Aly Khan gave up a promising singing career to look after her ailing mother. She now devotes herself to raising funds and educating people about this dreaded disease.



Princess Yasmin Aly Khan (left) daughter of actress Rita Hayworth who succumbed to Alzheimer's disease last year.



thing to do with picking the wrong person. "I'm sorry it ended the way it did, but it was the only way, and healthier for Andrew than living in a bad situation for his sake."

There are photographs of Rita Hayworth on every shelf and bureau. Her daughter has inherited the heart-stopping smile and sparkling eyes, but none of the mother's fiery Spanish-Irish temperament. She is a quiet, shy woman and like so many children of

immature parents, she seems always to have been the responsible adult of the family.

"Oh yes, I always felt responsible for mother," she says. "But when you're a child, a teenager, what can you do? She was so bad at the practical things of life. I mean, when she was driving a car, well, she couldn't actually drive properly, and she'd never be able to find the parking lot. I worried about the kind of people she was seeing, whether she went to her

doctor and dentist regularly. I somehow always had the feeling that my mother was ill, all through my childhood I felt her frustration.

"Everyone thought that drink was mother's problem. She had a difficult time dealing with reality, and escaped into alcohol instead of talking to someone about it. She'd call me up at college and ask what I was doing and I'd tell her and then two days later she'd call me again and ask the same ques-

tion, and I'd say: 'I told you, mother.' And she'd laugh about it. 'Silly me'... instead of saying: 'I'm losing my memory.'

When doctors diagnosed Alzheimer's disease, Princess Yasmin was in Munich, auditioning for a conductor who offered her a job. "I had a great decision. To continue with my career or go home and take care of my mother. Really, there was no choice for me." She settled her mother into

the next door apartment and installed round-the-clock nursing care. Six years later, Rita Hayworth died. "Alzheimer's patients often become aggressive, she had a tendency to say things she didn't mean, there were periods of agitation. We had to medicate her, give her strong to play with, something to do with her hands."

Sacrifice

"Sacrifice?" That's a big word and I don't relate to it. I just got on with my life and took care of my mother. But I was constantly feeling anger, guilt, helplessness. I kept asking myself: 'Why can't I do more to relieve her anguish?'

She spends part of every day working for the American Alzheimer's Association, giving speeches, raising funds. It is sad, she says, that in Hollywood "no one will come out and say: 'I have a relative with Alzheimer's' — AIDS, yes; Alzheimer's no." And in Britain — where affects 5 per cent of those over 65 — she says the problem is worse: "People will not even talk about it."

At 19, when she "realised I had to get rid of this black cloud on my shoulders," she had a brief period of analysis. "I went around and talked to doctors and tried to understand why felt the way I did, and that knowledge has given me the strength I have now."

"I think my mother's sense of insecurity came from her childhood. She was disciplined in her work life, but not in her personal life. Alcoholism, drugs, all that is a weakness, it's a crutch."

She claps her hands delightedly when I tell her about Cheryl Crane's revelation, in her autobiography, that when she told her mother that she felt she had been a lesbian since the age of six, Lana Turner cried with relief: "You mean it's not environmental? You mean it wasn't my fault?"

"Oh, I love it. I do feel very much you can't go on blaming your parents for who you are. You have to take responsibility for yourself. That is maturity. But there is still a black cloud on her shoulder. Doctors believe that Alzheimer's may be inherited. 'I live in fear that I might die the same way as my mother but what can I do? You can't stop life because you might have Alzheimer's, or get it.'

The diamond even Liz Taylor couldn't afford to purchase

What a gem! The second largest diamond ever found, worth millions of pounds and the size of a hen's egg.

By Jo Mears

THEY say diamonds are a girl's best friend... well, this super-rock could keep well-known gem lovers Liz Taylor, Joan Collins and Zsa Zsa Gabor happily jewelled for years.

It is a huge, flawless diamond, the size of a hen's egg and worth many millions of pounds.

And at a staggering 599 carats uncut — it is certainly worth more than even a Hollywood superstar could afford.

The diamond was found at a mine belonging to De Beers, near Pretoria, South Africa and is only second in size to the 530 carat Cullinan diamond that forms part of the British Crown Jewels.

British diamond expert Peter Weeks says: "It is impossible to say how much the diamond is worth. But I should think it will be worth tens of millions of pounds once it is cut."

And the coveted job of cutting the giant diamond has gone to Belgian Gaby Tolowsky, one of world's top diamond cutters. He will cut and polish the stone into a priceless 300 carat beauty.

But first he will study it for two months, before making the first, crucial cut. If he makes a mistake, he could drastically reduce the diamond's value.

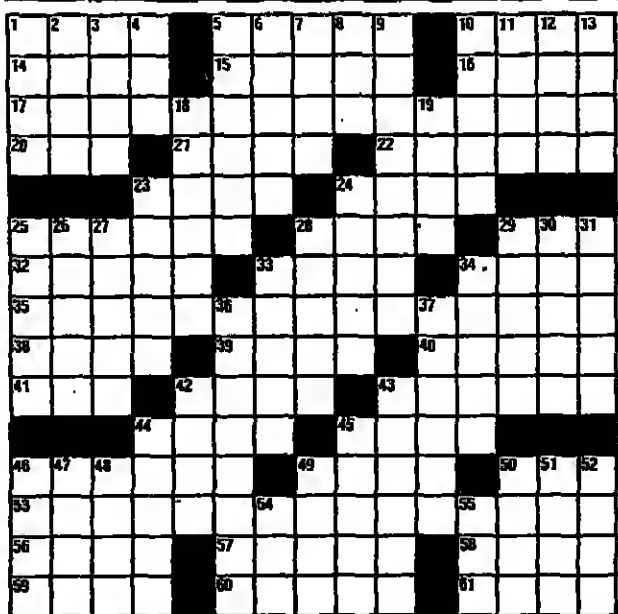
"There are five possibilities," says Gale, 48. "But the diamond will talk to me. When the time comes I will know."

If he doesn't, it will be one diamond that wasn't forever.



How's that for size. The newly-discovered diamond measures against a British 10 pence coin.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Plumbing problem
- 5 Paired, as socks
- 10 Madame Bovary
- 14 Bulwer-Lytton heroine
- 15 Lissome
- 16 Take the cruise
- 17 Very rarely
- 20 Ole's kin
- 21 Musical symbol
- 22 Wry
- 23 Farm unit
- 24 Cut
- 25 Early aviator?
- 28 Ederite
- 29 The Ebro, for one
- 32 West Indian native
- 33 — the market
- 34 Blanc or Canis
- 35 Susan title
- 38 Coward
- 39 Facility
- 40 Two under par
- 41 But, to Brutus
- 42 Handle, to Hamlet
- 43 Pretense
- 44 Clockmaker
- 45 June honorees
- 46 Start of an O'Neill title
- 49 Celebrated archer
- 50 Sigma precursor
- 53 Very rarely
- 56 Hose mishap
- 57 Want badly
- 58 See 28 Across
- 59 Slave of yore
- 60 Went astray
- 61 Lamarr of Hollywood

DOWN

- 2 Part of a foot
- 4 — Dee
- 6 Playing marble
- 7 Floor material
- 8 Actor Wallace
- 9 Without doubt
- 10 Legal restraint
- 11 Frankfort's river
- 12 Puccini heroine
- 13 Guinness
- 18 Nightmares
- 19 Name for an Irish lass
- 23 Prospero's servant
- 24 Cooking direction
- 25 Sacred images
- 26 Transport for Hiawatha
- 27 Formed a rainbow
- 28 Word with down or up
- 29 Cosmetic
- 30 Fireplace
- 31 Second of two
- 33 Grind the teeth
- 34 Complains
- 36 Pronounce judgment
- 37 Twit
- 42 Of flying: Comb.
- 43 Prized
- 44 Protracted attack
- 45 Search into
- 46 Measured portion
- 47 Danube feeder
- 48 Read hastily
- 49 Sklar's lift
- 50 Chorister's garb
- 51 Old gardening
- 52 "— a Rose"
- 54 Schedule abbr.
- 55 Jong lead-in

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SPATS CLAP OARS
LEVEE LENO OMIT
UPINTHEAIR WIOE
GOO TEAR TANDEM
OLAN DIET
CAVEO PROMOTED
MOVES FLAN EERO
ACER TEAMS ANON
SDRT RATA PRESS
CASHIERS MATTE
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SASHES AWLS PSI
TITI UPSIDEDOWN
LOOL RAIN RUNIN
REAL ERSE SEEMS

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
COUNT THE HAND

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A 4
♥ A K J
♦ K 3 2
♣ A K J 10 6

WEST
♠ J 10 9 8 6 2
♥ 9 5 4
♦ Q 8
♣ 7 3

EAST
♠ Q 7
♥ 7 6
♦ 10 9 6 4
♣ Q 9 8 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K 5 3
♥ Q 10 8 3 2
♦ A J 7 5
♣ 5

The bidding:
North East South West
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♠ Pass 5 NT Pass
7 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

Do not commit yourself to a particular line earlier than necessary. The more information you have about the hand, the more informed a decision you can reach.

You have bid well to reach an excellent grand slam. After partner's artificial and strong two-club opening bid, you made a waiting response and he showed a powerful balanced hand. When he supported

your suit, you confirmed all four aces with your bid of five no trump, and partner decided that his prime cards, ruffing value and good five-card suit merited a jump to the grand slam.

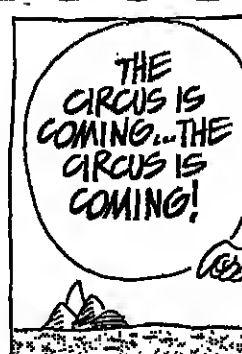
The first bit of information you need is how the trumps break. So win the ace of spades at trick one and cash the ace-king of trumps. When both defenders follow, you realize that you can afford to ruff your spade loser on the table and try for a 4-3 club split, which will see you home. Cash the ace of clubs and ruff a club, then cash the king of spades and ruff a spade. Now ruff a club high, when West discards a spade, draw the last trump. (East discards a diamond on the third round of each major suit.) Cross to the king of diamonds and stuff a diamond on the king of clubs; the queen does not drop. You are down to the ace-jack of diamonds, and when you lead a diamond from dummy, East follows with a low card. Do you finesse?

If you have been following the proceedings, you know that East's remaining card must be the queen of clubs. So rise with the ace and watch West's queen of diamonds come tumbling down to allow you to bag your grand slam.

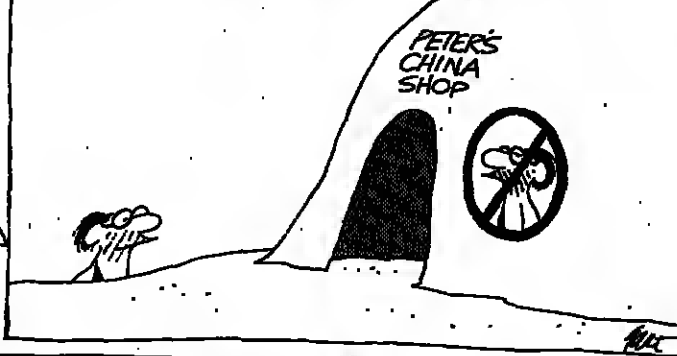


"His idea of life in the fast lane is going through the express checkout with a can of prune juice."

THE WIZARD OF ID



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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Today everything will go like a house on fire. Concentrate on doing what you are best at. Do not neglect your emotions but do not indulge them too greatly either. Be generous.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Something you have been meaning to do for some time should be done now. You should not give vent to a tendency towards impulsiveness. Be practical.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have something to be really pleased about, but you should not become smug about it. You will be able to do something to increase your prestige.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be able to convince others. You will meet someone much to your liking. Try to have a little more faith in yourself. Be punctual.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You should avoid spending too much time on secondary matters. You will be able to have a most useful discussion. You should not let others into a confidence until you know you can really trust them. Be reliable.



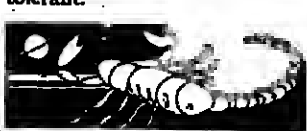
Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

Leave yourself with a little more time for your personal affairs. You should not allow yourself to be overtaken by gloomy thoughts. Avoid making a nuisance of yourself. Be resolute.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Avoid being selfish, instead put others close to you first. You should try to make the best use of the time available to you, do all you can to ward off boredom. Be tolerant.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will tend to be a little too nervous and should do all you can in order to calm down. Do not think that happiness means more money — take pleasure in simple things. Avoid allowing your prejudices to get the better of you.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

After some initial difficulties all will go well for you today. You should make sure you do not overrule yourself. Do not do anything you are not really sure about. Be prompt.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

This is going to be a pleasant day for you. There will be some developments which should not be got out of perspective. You should make sure you do not put on weight excessively. Be precise.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

The Moon's better influence will help you to make the most of things. You will be able to make the appropriate response. You should not make empty promises. Be frugal.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

The Moon's influence will help you to set the right foot forward. You will be able to do something close to your heart. The general situation is more in your favour. Be less fussy.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Arab countries urged to improve their agriculture

ABU DHABI, April 11. (Opecna): Unless more efforts are made to improve the agriculture sector in the Arab world, the region may have to spend around \$45 billion on food imports by the year 2000, more than double the current level of 20 billion, a report by the Arab League warns.

It says that there is also a desperate need for greater efforts to improve available agricultural techniques.

The report, prepared in cooperation with the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) and the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), also calls on Arab governments to adopt practical measures aimed at industrialisation and self-sufficiency in foodstuffs.

Measures
Deploring the protectionist measures by industrialised countries, the report says only those nations benefited from the lower oil prices in 1986.

The drop in commodity prices are accompanied by protectionist policies in the industrialised countries which are not limited to tariffs, but include production and export subsidies as well, it says, adding that the impact of those measures are influencing the ability of developing countries to export their goods.

The report, made available to Opecna, notes that the flow of money from advanced to developing countries in 1986 were less than half the levels in 1981.

Lending
The report says that this situation was a result of the lower lending levels by Western countries despite a drop in prices of oil and other commodities.

Despite a relatively healthy growth rate in non-oil sectors of the Arab economies, the per capita income in real gross domestic products had been declining since the early 1980s.

The report attributes this principally to the growing import bills on foodstuffs and balance of payments deficits.

Booming fruit exports earn Chile millions of dollars

SANTIAGO, April 11. (Reuters): Flourishing world demand for fresh fruit is leaving a sweet taste in the mouth of Chilean farmers, who are earning hundreds of millions of dollars a year from exports.

Chile has surged past competitors South Africa, Australia and neighbouring Argentina to become the leading supplier of fruit to consumers in North America and Europe during the northern hemisphere winter.

Chilean fruit exports, principally grapes and apples, earned \$500 million in 1987, around 10 per cent of the country's total export income and more than 25 times the value of Chilean fruit shipments a little over a decade ago.

"Chile is the leading exporter of fruit to the southern hemisphere," said Agriculture Minister Jorge Prado Aranguez, who predicted a further jump in sales to over \$600 million this year.

Success
President Augusto Pinochet's military government, preparing for a presidential plebiscite later this year, in which Chileans will be asked to accept or reject a candidate to be nominated by armed forces chiefs, holds up the fruit sector as an example of the success of its export-oriented economic policies.

"Chile has many natural advantages, but a key factor has been the new mentality which says the country must export," said one foreign agriculture expert.

The fruit-growing areas stretch over 750 miles (1,200 km) from the arid valleys of the southern Atacama desert — an area transformed by irrigation where high-quality grapes now grow — to the green agricultural heartland of central Chile.

The climatic variations from north to south enable Chile to maintain production for six months of the year beginning in the summer in November, which corresponds to the start of winter in the northern hemisphere.

Export
The country's principal fruit export is grapes, which last year alone earned early \$300 million. Over 75 per cent of the grapes are shipped to the United States, where Chile holds 25 per cent of the market, while Europeans are big buyers of Chilean apples and other fruits.

"The grapes are superb, at least as good in quality as those of California and they cost no more," the foreign specialist said.

No plan to cut output, says Indonesia

Opec's moves boost oil prices

LONDON, April 11. (Reuters): News that Opec is inviting seven producers from outside the organisation to talks on propelling up the oil market set petroleum prices sharply up today.

Expectations that the move would lead to output cuts to mop up a prevailing glut sent North Sea Brent crude, a barometer of world trends, up to \$16.60 a barrel for loading in June.

That was a dollar above Friday and about \$2 up on prices which applied before it was announced that Opec's ministerial pricing committee would meet in Vienna last Saturday.

Talks
It was this meeting which decided to ask the seven non-Opec sellers to join the committee in further talks on April 23 which would be followed by a session of all 13 Opec oil ministers.

Later today, European spot prices eased to around \$16.40.

Traders said this followed remarks to reporters by Oil Minister Gijangkar Kartasmita of Indonesia, who said the pricing committee "decided it was not yet time for Opec countries to reduce production".

Algeria's Belkacem Nahi, another committee member, had said in Vienna yesterday that he definitely expected output cuts.

Market
Closer study of the Indonesia's remarks, however, showed that he did, in fact, envisage measures to reduce world output of oil — and that, who he said it was not yet time to cut Opec production, he was referring to organisation-assigned production quotas and not to actual volume being pumped.

He talked about taking 700,000 to 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day off the world market which, if it could be achieved, would certainly tighten the supply situation.

It could be done, he said, by getting Opec members to abide strictly by their existing assigned quotas — some have been exceeding these — plus cuts by non-Opec sellers.

Non-Opec developing countries had added 500,000 barrels a day to world production between 1987 and 1988, Gijangkar said.

"It now appears at last that (non-Opec) producers are beginning to worry about price developments. They have offered to cut production. This offer is welcomed by Opec. And Opec will ask them what role they will play in stabilising prices."

"If we ask them to return to their production at the beginning of 1987, 500,000 barrels can be taken out of the market..."

If Gijangkar added, Opec then stuck to its quotas, that could take out a further 200,000 to 300,000 barrels daily and thus "we can reduce production by 700,000 to 800,000 barrels".

Opec has asked seven non-Opec nations which recently held

talks on the oil market in London — Mexico, Egypt, China, Angola, Malaysia, Colombia and Oman — to meet the pricing committee in Vienna on April 23.

Egyptian Oil Minister Abdel-Hadi Kandeel said today: "Egypt is always ready to coordinate and cooperate with all oil producing countries within or outside Opec to achieve stability in oil markets." Egypt co-chaired the recent London talks.

Caution
Opec's list excludes the United States, the Soviet Union, the biggest producer, and North Sea producers Britain and Norway.

The United States and Britain oppose anything that smacks of manipulating markets, but Opec President Rihwanu Lukman has said Norway and the Soviet Union might be invited.

Norway expressed caution over the planned Vienna talks but said Mexican officials had asked to visit Oslo this week.

"We have no comment to make before we are invited and before we know what kind of talks they will be," Oil and Energy Minister Arne Oeien told Reuters.

The Norwegians have already cut planned increases in output by 7.5 per cent in support of Opec, but senior government sources said they would decline an invitation to the Vienna talks if these aimed to fix a production policy.

Meanwhile oil analysts said that of much more significance would be the attitude of Saudi Arabia, the biggest Opec seller.

While ideological foe Iran favours cutting Opec quotas by five to 10 per cent, the Saudis have been cool to such cuts.

But the formula mooted today by Indonesia's minister — of combining stricter Opec discipline with cuts by non-Opec sellers — might, if it could ever be implemented, commend itself to both Iranians and Saudis.

Japan cuts trade surplus with US

TOKYO, April 11. (Reuters): Japan said today it cut its trade surplus in March for the 11th straight month, but more importantly that it topped more than 10 per cent from its critical surplus with the United States.

"The trade surplus is moving in a very desirable direction for Japan," said Toshiaki Kakimoto, chief economist for Sumitomo Bank.

Japan has been doing all it can to cut its surplus, but now the United States must do its part, he added.

The government said its customs-cleared trade with the rest of the world in March fell to \$7.46 billion from \$8.05 billion in the same month last year. The surplus in February was \$5.24 billion.

But the nation's trade balance with the United States dropped

to \$3.4 billion from \$3.79 billion a year earlier. Although exports to America increased 15.8 per cent to \$7.17 billion, imports surged 55.8 per cent to 3.77 billion.

Japan has been able to trim its trade surplus with the United States each month since the beginning of this year. Japan reduced its bilateral surplus in January by 9.6 per cent and in February by 14.4 per cent.

Impact
The effects of the changes in the dollar-yen rates on the trade imbalance were slow to take effect, but now it is starting to show, said Takashi Kiuchi, senior economist for the long-term Credit Bank of Japan.

"It took about 18 to 20 months for the impact to take place," he said. That is much longer than the effects of currency changes on trade for European or other

nations, he added.

"The reason is that Japanese firms have always emphasised long-term business relations and would do anything to keep the same volume of transactions with customers," Kiuchi said.

They continued to trim profit margins and even sell at a loss to keep business with their customers going, he said.

But they have changed their stance and now are moving to establish manufacturing plants abroad, where labour costs are cheaper, instead of trying to produce goods at home, Kiuchi said.

This trend will continue and Japanese companies are unlikely to revert back to manufacturing more domestically, he said. "When Japanese firms move towards a new idea, they make that a long-term trend," he said.

But even though Japan's trade surplus has been falling with the United States, Washington has not adequately reduced its trade deficit because it has allowed newly industrialised Asian and other countries to capture market share lost by Japanese manufacturers, economists said.

Until the American trade figures improve, pressure will remain on Japan to further liberalise its market and import more goods, Kakimoto said.

However, some economists believe upward pressure on the yen may tone down now that there are clearer signs that yen-dollar rates are cutting Japan's trade surplus.

"Further appreciation of the yen might not give that much more help in improving Japan's trade balance," one bank economist said.

Mexico ready to cut back oil production

MEXICO CITY, April 11. (UPI): Mexico is willing to lower its oil production to bolster prices if Opec and other outside producers agree to restrain their output, sources from the Mexican Energy Ministry said yesterday.

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer met separately on Thursday in closed-door meetings with Mexican President Miguel de La Madrid and Energy Minister Fernando Hiriart to design strategies to stabilise the shaky world oil market.

The sources said Mexico, which is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, is willing to cooperate fully with Opec and other independent producers to shore up oil prices.

They said Mexico is ready to reduce its exports by as much as 40,000 barrels a day if such action is necessary and prices reach acceptable levels.

Robert Martinez, an Energy Ministry spokesman, refused to confirm or deny reports that Mexican officials had agreed in talks with Nazer to adhere to oil export quotas to be set this weekend by Opec's pricing committee at a meeting in Vienna.

"It's just speculation. We don't know exactly what they did decide about reducing oil production and exports. Their meetings were extremely private," Martinez said.

Seoul rewrites current 5-year economic plan

South Korean economy is roaring ahead

SEOUL, April 11. (Reuters): South Korea's export-led economy is roaring ahead so fast that Seoul has had to rewrite its 1987-1991 plan drastically to cope with the unexpected success, government officials said today.

Economic Planning Board officials said the EPB had boosted its projections for gross national product (GNP) growth over the next three years to an annual average of 8.3 per cent from the originally forecast 7.2 per cent.

Seoul is expected to continue to run a big current account surplus until at least 1991, they said.

Attractive
South Korea achieved double digit growth in 1986 and 1987, spurred by soaring exports of Hyundai cars, Samsung televisions, video recorders and a host of attractive textile products.

Last year's \$9.8 billion current account surplus brought down a hail of criticism from the United States and Seoul's other main

trading partners. Washington, angry at a bilateral trade gap of nearly \$10 billion, has been pressuring South Korea to open up its closely-guarded domestic market and to revalue the won.

The national currency, which stood at 742.80 to the dollar today, has risen 6.66 per cent so far this year after gaining 8.72 per cent in 1987.

Targets
The Seoul government is now predicting a current account surplus of about \$7 billion this year, and the new planning targets revealed today project surpluses of \$6.7 billion in 1989, and six billion in both 1990 and 1991. The original forecast was for a surplus of five billion in 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991.

EPB officials acknowledged that trade friction and the rising won could cause them to lower their figures but they expressed optimism the effects would not be too severe.

"Protectionist sentiment and speedier revaluation are posing barriers to the revised plan, but those are something we should be able to overcome," one official said.

"We had to revise the plan because last year's economic performance was so much better than expected and the boom looks likely to continue for some time to come," he added.

In 1987, despite nationwide labour troubles, South Korea's GNP grew a real 12.2 per cent against 12.3 in 1986 and an original forecast of eight per cent.

More than 3,300 companies were hit by strikes and stoppages last summer, with workers demanding greater rewards for their role in South Korea's spectacular economic growth.

World Business Summary

Chile gains new concessions from foreign creditor banks

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 11. (AP): The government said yesterday that Chile gained new concessions, including an interest rate reduction worth \$22 million a year, in a renegotiation of terms for foreign debt payments to commercial banks. Chief negotiator Hernan Somerville of the Central Bank told a news conference the accord, reached after two months of talks starting in January with the 12-bank steering committee in New York, is "very satisfactory for the country." Somerville said the banks agreed to reduce the interest rate on an estimated \$7.5 billion in medium- and long-term debt contracted before 1983 from one per cent over the average London Inter-Bank Rate (Libor) to 13/16 (thirteen sixteenths) of a per cent. In addition, he said, the interest rate on \$3 billion of "new" debt, contracted after 1983, was reduced from 1 and 1/8 (one and one-eighth) per cent over the Libor to 7/8 (seven-eighths) per cent.

He said the new rates are similar to those granted recently to Latin America's big debtor countries of Mexico, Brazil and Argentina and would save Chile \$22 million in annual interest payments. The central bank estimates Chile's total foreign debt at \$18.9 billion, and the country is paying about \$400 million in interest payments. In March 1987, it rescheduled payment all medium- and long-term debt, totalling about \$15 billion.

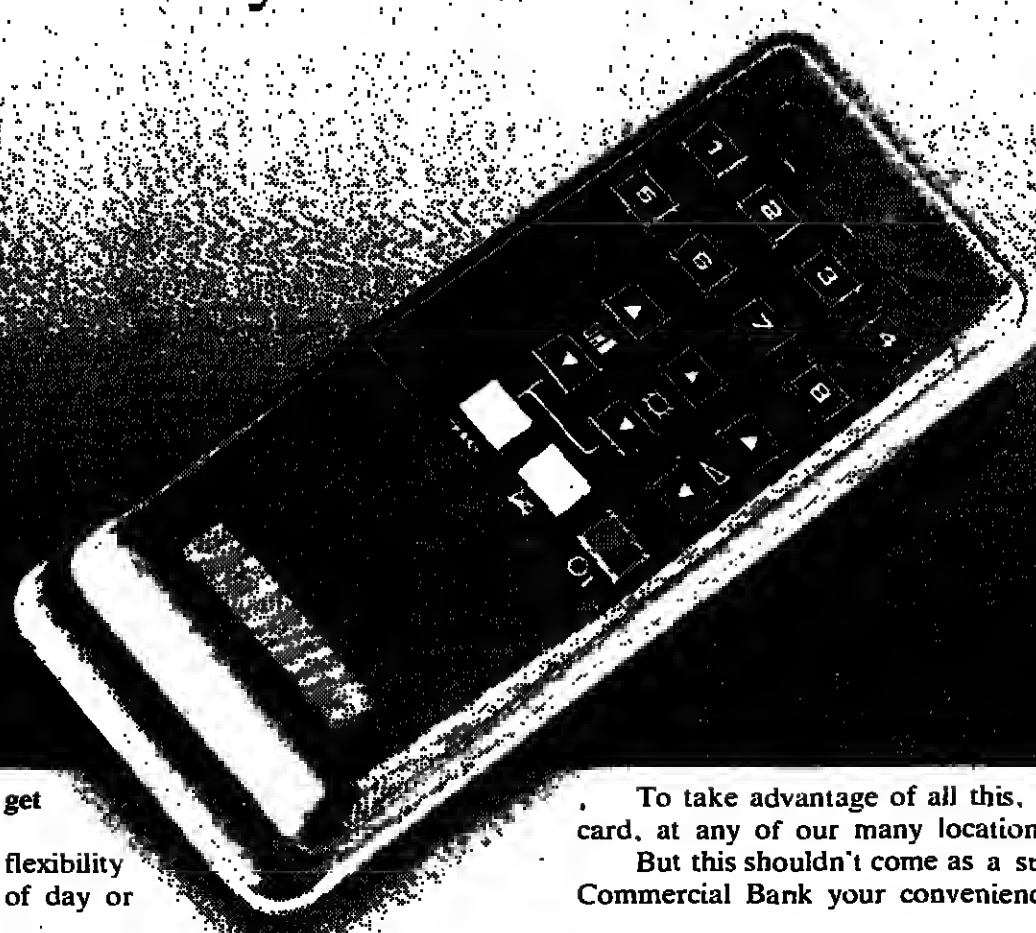
Somerville said that Chile is pressing for other concessions, including an eventual return to the voluntary credit market now closed to Latin American debtor nations. As a first step, he said, it has proposed that the banks grant it access to \$500 million in new credit. He said that, since financing of the country's debt servicing for 1988 is already arranged, the proposal would be sought for 1989 or later.

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ALLUM	29/1	29/0
AND	24/7	24/7
AW	52/5	52/2
PRO	28/0	28/2
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PRO	79/5	79/7
ES	73/3	73/2
ARD	66/0	65/4
TEL	28/1	28/1
DEP	78/0	77/3
50/1	49/7	
ITT	14/5	14/2
P	42/0	42/4
CO	33/0	33/0
HE	31/3	30/6
12/7	12/0	
PET	8/4	8/3
ING	2/7	2/7
OIL	43/0	43/3
CRIF	68/2	67/7
6/4	6/3	
	0	35/4
INT	24/6	24/6
INC	27/7	28/0
AD	25/0	24/7
LOAN	68/6	69/0
	31/3	31/2
	62/4	62/4
	22/1	21/7
	7/0	7/0
TON	24/4	24/5
ONK-A	0	48/4
NY	33/1	33/1
NY	31/0	31/0
PEC	7/0	7/0
CO	47/2	47/2
CASC	48/4	48/2
	54/3	54/5
	34/0	33/7
COM	46/7	47/0
STR	32/6	32/6
MYER	43/0	43/1
CP	23/1	23/0
CP	15/2	15/2
	14/2	14/3
CORP	36/1	36/2
WO	25/0	24/7
IND	25/2	25/4
GS	15/6	15/7
COKE	24/2	24/1
TR	65/6	65/3
	26/5	26/5
	19/2	19/4
	49/1	48/7
DAT	2/4	2/4
INTL	36/0	35/7
CO	12/4	12/4
MAN	25/6	25/5
CP	36/1	36/3
CHEMICAL		

International Bond Highlights

LONDON - Comcast Corp is issuing a 100 mln dir convertible Eurobond due April 15, 2003 with an indicated coupon range of 2-1/2 to 3-3/4 pct and par pricing, lead manager Morgan Stanley International Ltd. (RTTG 0809).

Zurich - The City of Vienna is issuing a 100 mln Swiss franc bond and 50 mln tranches in notes, lead manager Wirtschaftliche und Privatbank AG, (RTX 1516).

London - Inspectores International Finance NV is issuing a 70 mln stg convertible bond due May 4, 1998 with an indicated coupon of live to 5-1/4 pct, said Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd as lead manager. (RTU1 0948, RTUR 1019).

London - Toronto Dominion Australia Ltd issued a 70 mln Australian dir Eurobond due June 3, 1991, paying 12-5/8 pct and priced at 101-1/2, lead manager Hambros Bank Ltd said. (RTUY 1036, RTVT 1217).

London - Sterling-denominated bonds outperformed all other currency sectors of the international bond markets in the first quarter of 1998, according to research from Nomura Securities Ltd. (RTVT 1217).

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LON 8-1/8 7-7/8	8-1/16 7-15/16	8-1/4 1/8
FF 3.20/30	3.25/35	3.35/45
PAR 7-3/16 5/16	7-1/16 13/16	8-1/8 1/8
ZUR 1/8 3/8	1-1/2 1-3/4	1-5/8 1-7/8
BRX 4.90	6.00 1/8	6-1/16 3/16
ROM 10-1/8 10-5/8	10-1/2 11-1/4	10-3/4 11-1/4
AMS 3-15/16 4-1/16	3-7/8 4.0	3-15/16 4-1/16
TOK 3.3125/3750	UND	3.8750 9375
ECU .87	6.06 6.18	6.25 6.37

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait, yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6.5/16	6.13/16
3 months	5/8	6.3/8
6 months	5.3/4	6.1/4
1 year	5.9/16	6.1/16

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	66	65	65.25	NICD	480	480	475
ACC	129	130	135	GNFC	28	27.50	28.25	MUKAM	81	81
ASIA PAINT	135	136.25	136.25	GSFC	84	83.25	82.75	NOCIL	442.50	438.50
BAJAJ AUTO	196.25	195	187.50	HIND LEVER	81.50	80	83.50	ORRAY	18.75	18.50
BAL. OYING	175	172.50	173.75	HINDALCO	65	64.25	64.75	PEICO	28	27
BOM. RAYON	121	120	118.50	HINDOCOA	77	76	74.50	PFIZER	54	52
BR. BOND	84.25	83	82	HINDMOTR	73.75	68.75	72.50	PRE. AUTO	24.50	24
BSE INDEX	415.04	408.87	410	IND ORG	16.25	16.12	16.75	RAYMOND	44.50	43.50
CENTURYSPG	775	767.50	773.75	INDRAYON	58.75	59.50	58.50	STIEHLE	60	59
COLGATE	166.50	165	162.50	INDROL	141.25	141.25	138	SPIC	28.75	28.50
DEEPAKFEET	26	25.50	25	ITC	32.50	32	33	STD MILLS	197.50	195
EI. HOTEL	46	45	46	JSYNTH	48.50	47	43.50	TATA PWR	192.50	188.75
ESKAYEY	155	156.25	157.50	L AND T	77.50	77	76.50	TATACHEEN	60.50	60
ESSAR	180	18	17.50	MAHENDR	50	50.50	51	TELCO	457.50	450
GAR. POLY	74	74.50	73.50	MASTERSNR	9.50	9.50	9.37	TISCO	667.50	666.25
GE. SHIP	27.35	27.25	26.65	MATHER PL	81	77.50	80	VOLTA	260	252.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR. CLSE
AEG	246.8	244.0
ALLIANZ VR	1395.0	1375.0
BADENWERK	182.0	180.0
BASF	252.5	246.6
BAYER	275.3	267.3
BAYER NYP	359.0	353.0
BAYER VER	357.0	353.0
BBC	315.0	314.0
BNF	378.0	370.0
BW	518.0	504.0
CHEMIE-VER	0	120.0
COMMERZB	239.8	235.5
CONTI GUM	259.4	253.6
DAIMLER BEN	639.0	629.0
DEUTSCH BAK	429.8	425.3
OLV	353.0	345.0
OSWALD	255.0	250.0
DE BARCOCK	161.0	158.0
F&L UNDE	461.0	458.0
GOLDSCHEID	257.0	254.0
GUTHOFER	0	0
HARPER	412.0	408.0
HOECHST AG	264.9	261.8
Hoesch	122.7	119.3
HORTEN	192.0	190.0
HUSSEL NLO	467.0	463.0
KALI SALZ	137.0	134.0
KARSTADT	463.0	449.0
KAUFHOF	398.0	390.0
KLOECK N	105.3	102.0
KLOECK W	0	81.5
LINDE	610.0	605.0
LUFTHANSA	154.0	145.0
MAN	166.8	162.0
MANHESMAN	129.3	127.8
MERCEDES	537.0	525.0
METALLGES	265.0	260.0
NIXDORF PF	542.0	534.0
NORSK SK	54.30	53.50
PHILIP KON	611.0	613.0
PORSCH	531.0	528.0
PREUSSAG	154.0	152.0
PVA	205.5	202.0
RHEIN	209.2	208.0
RHEIN P	196.0	197.0
RHEINMETAL	290.0	296.0
SALAMANDER	260.0	262.5
SCHERING	455.0	446.0
SEL	312.8	310.0
SIEMENS	374.8	362.0
THYSEN	132.9	131.0
VARTA	274.5	273.0
VEBA	258.5	256.8
VEW	176.0	168.0
VOLKSWAGEN	249.5	245.4

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR. CLSE
C N TUNNEL	14.90	14.90
CHEUNG K	7.90	7.80
CHINA GAS	16.40	16.40
CHINA L-P	18.90	19.00
CHINA MOTO	19.00	18.80
COSMO PROP	0	4.30
EVERGO IND	36	34
FAR EAST C	7.75	7.74
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H S DEVELOP	9.35	9.20
H S INDEX	651.01	619.87
HANG LUNG	5.15	5.05
HANG SENG	34.50	34.00
HAW PAR BR	0	21.00
HK ELEC CO	8.20	8.10
HK KONGLO	7.20	7.15
HK LAND CO	8.30	8.15
HK SHAN BK	7.50	7.40
HK SHAN BK	3.97	3.94
HK TELE CO	7.25	7.25
HUTCH WHAM	8.75	8.70
IND EO PAC	10.80	10.30
JARDINE N	11.90	11.70
KOMALON M	10.40	10.30
PAUL Y CON	1.71	1.69
REALTY DEV	5.85	5.65
S H K CO	1.92	1.84
S H K PROP	10.60	10.50
SINE DARY	1.51	1.53
STELUK MFG	2.95	2.97
SUIRE PAC	17.90	17.70
T B V CO	15.50	14.70
TAI CHEUNG	3.80	3.67
UNIT BANK	1.58	1.56
WOCK HAD	0	7.25
WOCK MARI	0	1.15
WORLD INTL	3.42	3.35

AMMAN

ALPHA	CLSG	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADIN COMPANY	1.36	1.35	
ARAB ALUMINUM INO.	1.73	1.72	
ARAB BANK	114.0	114.0	
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.90	3.90	
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.32	1.26	
ARAB INSURANCE	1.00	1.00	
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.98	0.98	
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.97	0.92	
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58	
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10	
ARAB PAPER COM/TRADE	0.37	0.36	
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	1.88	1.90	
ARAB PHARMACEUTICAL	0.76	0.75	
ARAB POTASH CO.	1.65	1.65	
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	15.47	15.47	
BANK OF JORDAN	1.00	0.95	
BELGIUM INSURANCE	30.00	30.00	
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	0.38	0.37	
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	1.42	1.43	
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	0.43	0.42	
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.55	0.55	
FINANCE/CREDIT/COO	4.10	3.95	
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	2.39	2.63	
GENERAL INSURANCE	1.33	1.32	
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.40	1.35	
GENERAL MINING	0.79	0.79	
HIMEN MINERALS	1.20	1.32	
HOLY LAND INS.	0.68	0.68	
IND. MATCH JENCO	1.36	1.36	
INDUSTRIAL DEVLPT BAK	1.33	1.33	
INDUSTRIAL COM/AGR.	0.75	0.75	
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.23	0.21	
INTERN. COM/INV	0.96	0.96	
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.64	0.64	
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	1.30	1.28	
ISLAMIC PETRI/CH	0.75	0.75	
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	1.30	1.28	
JERUSALEM INS.	13.60	13.60	
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	1.02	1.02	
JOR CERAMIC FACT	25.01	25.05	
JOR EAGLE INS.	1.44	1.44	
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.10	1.16	
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	0.99	0.99	
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	2.50	2.50	
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	1.61	1.59	
JOR INDUSTRY CHEN.	1.20	1.20	
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.80	0.80	
JOR LIM BRICK	0.21	0.21	
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50	
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.46	2.46	
JOR PAPER CARDBRGG	3.00	3.00	
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.00	2.00	
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.15	1.14	
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.05	
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	3.96	4.00	
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.55	0.52	
JOR SECURIT. CORP	2.67	2.65	
JOR SELPHO CHEN.	1.24	1.22	
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	4.10	4.25	
JOR KUWAIT AG	1.00	1.00	
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.09	7.01	
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.20	5.30	
JDR. INV. FIN. CORP	1.87	1.87	
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.32	0.31	
JORDAN DAIRY	1.00	1.00	
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.17	1.16	
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95	
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90	
JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	1.67	1.67	
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.53	1.53	
JORDAN TANNING	1.93	1.95	
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.76	0.76	
MACH/VEH/RENT/MAIN	0.69	0.73	
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73	
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	60.00	60.00	
MIDDEL EAST INS	0.60	0.60	
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.81	1.82	
NAT/CABEL/WIRE/MF	0.99	0.99	
NATIONAL ALIA INS	1.28	1.29	
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.50	0.50	
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.74	0.73	
NATIONAL STEEL	2.65	2.63	
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28	
PETRA BANK	2.00	1.95	
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.50	0.50	
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.86	0.84	
RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80	
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.39	0.39	
SHIPPING LINES	0.82	0.81	
SPINNING WEAVING	0.88	0.86	
THE HOUSING BANK	1.67	1.67	
UNITED INSURANCE	2.50	2.50	
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.69	1.67	
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19	1.23	
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85	0.85	
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.09	1.08	

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	71.00	74.00	72.00
STOCK	9.00	9.10	9.00	LC-B	46	47	47
AC-A	4.25	4.30	4.30	PK-A	37	38	37
ANS	2.32	2.40	2.40	PK-B	38	39	38
GLO	33.50	34.00	33.50	OTL SECTOR			
PLDT	145.00	146.00	146.00	BP-A	0.015	0.016	0.016
PSI-A	1.54	1.70	1.70	BP-B	0.016	0.017	0.016
SMC-A	133.00	134.00	133.00	LRC-A	0.024	0.028	0.024
SMC-B	153.00	153.00	153.00	LRC-B	0.026	0.03	0.026
MINING SECTOR	0.028	0.029	0.029	OPM-A	0.037	0.038	0.037
APX-A	0.028	0.029	0.029	OPM-B	0.038	0.04	0.038
APX-B	0.028	0.03	0.03	OV-A	0.03	0.032	0.032
AT-A	22.25	22.50	22.00	OV-B	0.031	0.032	0.033

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM. IND.	612,180	11,287,415	774.59	3.98 UP
MINING	31,502,000	5,146,000	5,000.29	17.32 UP
OIL	30,500,000	818,490	5.463	0.059 DN
TOTAL	82,614,180	17,251,905	760.57	0.27 DN

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR							
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	SC-A	72.00	73.50	72.00
SMC-A	133.00	134.00	133.00	BC-B	73.00	80.00	
SMC-B	153.00	160.00	153.00	LC-A	.46	.47	.47
SD-TIRE	29.00	29.50	29.00	LC-B	.48	.49	.48
PLDT	145.00	146.00	145.00	21P	.01	.012	
ANSCOR	4.25	4.30	4.30	OIL SECTOR			
AC-A	8.90	9.00	9.00	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
GLO	33.50	34.00	33.50	BP-A	.016	.017	.016
FER-A	2.30	2.40	2.30	BP-B	.016	.017	.017
FER-B	2.30	2.40		LRC-A	.0024		.0026
MINING SECTOR				LRC-B	.0028	.003	
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPM-A	.037	.038	.037
APK-A	.028	.029	.029	OPM-B	.037	.04	
APX-B	.028	.03		OV-A	.03	.031	.031
AT-A	22.25	22.50	22.00	OV-B	.031	.032	.032
AT-B	24.75	25.20	24.00	TA	.022	.023	.023

Exchange rates and Third World debt to be reviewed

Tokyo and Bonn boost confidence

WASHINGTON, April 11, (Reuters): Encouraging economic news from Japan and West Germany gave finance ministers a welcome boost of confidence today before important talks on exchange rates and Third World debt.

Japan reported a further drop in its huge trade surplus, while the West German government raised its forecast of economic growth this year to more than two per cent.

The two developments, although not dramatic, bolstered the conviction of top officials from the leading industrial nations that their economic policies were on the right track and they needed to launch no major initiatives when they gathered in Washington on Wednesday.

Trend
Finance ministers and central bank governors from the United States, West Germany, Japan, Britain, France, Canada and Italy — known collectively as the Group of Seven — will review trends in the economy and currency markets since they

pledged on December 22 to avert a further drop in the dollar.

The Group of Seven will meet on the eve of the semi-annual meetings of the 151 member countries of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

Officials said the latest evidence of gradual progress in easing the massive imbalances in world trade suggested the seven would decide there was no need to push the dollar lower to make US goods more competitive on world markets.

Stability
"The seven major industrial nations of the world obviously favour stability of exchange rates, and we're very pleased with the stability we've seen since December," US Treasury Secretary James Baker said in a television interview.

The dollar has ranged between 1.56 and 1.71 West German marks and between 120 and 132 yen since December 22.

In New York it rose slightly to 1.6850 marks and 126.75 yen today as traders speculated that

the Group of Seven would come out against a further decline in the currency.

West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg said as much in a statement in Bonn before leaving for Washington.

The G-7 was likely to reaffirm December's agreement to cooperate in stabilising exchange rates, he said.

Forecast
Stoltenberg also said that economic trends in the first quarter meant that his government's forecast of 1.5 to 2.0 per cent growth this year was too pessimistic.

"Now, primarily because of strong growth of private consumption but also because of positive developments in orders for manufactured goods in the first quarter of 1988, there is a growth trend of more than two per cent," he said.

Although US officials privately wish that West Germany would spur its economy further to purchase more American goods, Stoltenberg's statement was likely to head off

any public criticism this week of the Bonn government.

Stoltenberg said it was of major importance for the world economy that the US trade gap was closing while the surpluses of Germany and other nations were starting to fall.

The Japanese surplus carried over to \$7.46 billion in March from \$8.05 billion in March 1987, and a Finance Ministry official said rapidly increasing imports of manufactured goods augured further declines for at least the next six months.

This will be the first meeting of the so-called Group of Seven since last September. At the time, unity and international economic cooperation were also the watchwords.

But behind-the-scenes disagreements between the United States and West Germany over interest rates became public soon after the meeting, unnerving investors and, may believe, contributing to the Oct 19 stock market collapse.

The market collapse served as a strong reminder to finance

leaders of the dangers in disharmony and on Dec 22 they pledged to support the dollar at its current levels. Then they backed, that pledge up by intervening in currency markets.

Since early this year, the dollar has stabilised and the top industrial countries are expected to pledge again this week to support that stability.

Baker is also likely to push again for the other countries to adopt his idea of using an index of commodity prices, including gold, as one of indicators the countries use to measure the impact of their policies.

But some have been skeptical, wondering if the proposal might be the first step to moving the world back to a gold standard for currencies, something that was abandoned in 1973.

Baker denies that, saying the commodity index would merely serve as a useful measure of inflationary pressures.

On Third World debt, the finance ministers are expected to have reaffirmed existing strategies.

Hungary to open East bloc's first Western-style business school

BUDAPEST, April 11, (Reuters): Communist Hungary, pioneer of economic reforms in Eastern Europe embracing Western-style market forces, has broken new ground again by creating the East bloc's first international business school.

The joint Hungarian-US venture is aimed at introducing young Hungarian managers to the mysteries of the market, while at the same time giving western executives a look at how Communist systems work.

"We think it will make money," the secretary-general of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce, Peter Lorincz, told visiting foreign correspondents. The college will eventually be housed in a castle outside Budapest, which is currently being refurbished. Until that is complete, the first classes, due to start in September, will be held in the chambers' modern premises in the centre of the capital.

Foreigners
"We see this as a catalyst which can contribute to raising the level of Hungarian corporate managers, but which will also be open to foreigners, not only from the East Bloc," he said. "For Western firms, it is an ideal opportunity to learn how socialist economies work."

Co-founders of the school are the Hungarian Credit Bank Company, the Hungarian Minis-

try of Industry, the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce, Indiana University, and the East-West Management Institute, a newly-formed non-profit organisation based in New York.

According to provisional plans, young managers will receive a 10-month course covering such areas as marketing, financial analysis, market analysis, micro-economics and corporate finance.

Middle managers will come for a couple of weeks, and top executives will spend just one or two days on intensive specialist courses. Most of the lecturers are expected to come from abroad.

The college will also undertake consultancy work and surveys.

Reform
Lorincz said companies in several countries, including Italy, France and Canada, had already signalled interest in the new venture and were prepared to sponsor different training programmes.

The school is another example of how Hungary, whose pace-setting economic reform began two decades ago has run into severe debt and current account problems, is going aggressively after western management know-how.

Last year a number of Hungarian state-owned firms hired retired American businessmen as temporary consultants: an

experiment which Chamber of Commerce officials said was a great success, and likely to be repeated.

The Chamber, which organised the scheme in conjunction with the International Executive Service Corps (IESC) based in Stamford, Connecticut, reported that they had received inquiries from about 35 Hungarian enterprises, including the country's post office.

Overdue
An executive at the Budapest subsidiary of the US bank, Citibank, said the establishment of the new college was a sensible idea that was long overdue.

"As the reform goes on, Hungarians realise that to manage banks and companies requires greater profit sensitivity. If you're trying to build this in managers, you need to train them accordingly."

"We had to train our people from scratch," he added. "The people behind the school do not see this as presenting any major ideological problem — the market is seen as a fairly neutral mechanism, and so is Western managerial skill."

He also believed many Western businessmen would jump at the chance to get an inside look at how East European economies, grouped in the East Bloc trading organisation Comecon, actually operated.

Sudan and Egypt sign trade agreement

KHARTOUM, April 11, (UPI): Sudan and Egypt have signed wide-ranging cooperation agreements, including trade and foreign policy coordination, a Sudanese diplomat said today.

Sudan's Ambassador to Egypt, Al Amin Abdul-Latif, said Prime Minister Sadiq El Mahdi and his Egyptian counterpart, Atef Sidki, signed the accords yesterday at the end of a two-day official visit by the Egyptian Premier, speaking at a news conference prior to his return to Cairo, described the agreements "as a turning point in the history of relations between the two countries."

Abdul-Latif said the accords covered trade, industry, culture, information, agriculture, transportation, communications, higher education, health and combating drought and desertification in both countries. He said a \$225 million trade protocol and \$80 million barter trade deal were signed.

The two sides agreed to increase the capital of the Sudanese-Egyptian food security company in Sudan to 22 million Sudanese pounds (\$8 million) with a view to increasing cultivated area by 200,000 feddans by the year 1990. In the field of joint investment, Sudan and Egypt agreed to establish a \$200 million joint holding company to undertake investment projects in the sphere of economic development to both countries.

The agreements included articles on foreign policy coordination and on security that provided for exchange of information between the nations on drug smuggling and terrorism.

EEC launches \$2b hi-tech research programme

LUXEMBOURG, April 11, (AP): Research ministers of the European Economic Community today agreed to spend almost \$2 billion over the next five years on research in information technology.

The plan, called Esprit II, is designed to help European companies to compete against the United States and Japan.

An EEC official said the programme, which involves some 5,500 researchers from 12 EEC countries, represents about one-third of all European basic research in information technology.

Separately, the ministers approved a three-year advance information technology study programme to help reduce road accidents.

The EEC commission, which drew up the plan, said it hoped the \$148 million programme will contribute to the development of "intelligent" European road transport infrastructures.

The official said Esprit research has led to numerous technological achievements, including the development of T800, the most powerful chip on the market.

He said the current phase, which is to begin in late summer, will continue to centre on microelectronics and information processing.

Under EEC rules, the Community contributes 50 per cent to the cost of each project, with the rest coming from the member states.

For the first time since 1984, when Esprit was launched, the Community will allow non-member countries, mainly from Scandinavia, to participate.

Dollar rises and gold slightly lower

LONDON, April 11, (AP): The US dollar rose against most major European currencies today before a meeting by finance ministers from the seven major industrialised nations and the release of February US trade figures, later this week.

Gold prices were slightly lower.

Foreign exchange traders said speculation that Wednesday's Group of Seven, or G-7, meeting would produce statements supporting the dollar inspired dealers to cover their positions and buy dollars.

West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg said today that the G-7 meeting is likely to reaffirm last December's agreement on economic-policy cooperation and the stabilisation of exchange rates.

Jittery
"I think the market was a bit jittery" about the upcoming G-7 meeting and Thursday's release of US trade deficit figures, said a London trader with a major US bank.

There were reports in the market that the deficit would dip below \$10 billion, compared

with \$12.4 billion in January.

In Tokyo, the stock market indicator surged to a new closing high today, while the US dollar gained ground in trading against the Japanese yen.

On the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the Nikkei Average of 225 selected issues, which shed a modest 20.33 points last Friday, gained 175.98 points, or 0.65 per cent, finishing the first day of the week at 26,924.87.

The Nikkei's close today surpassed the previous high set last Thursday when it closed at 26,768.22. Monday's close was 278.44 points above its pre-crash best level of 26,646.43, set the week before the worldwide stock market crash last October.

"Boosted by the last week's advance on Wall Street, the Nikkei Average went up to less than two points short of touching the 27,000-point level," said Fumihiko Morimoto of First Boston.

The index reached 26,998.36 points, the highest ever, at one time during the morning trade.

Investors spread their buying through most sectors amid snow-balling bullish sentiment, traders

said. The dollar's stability dispelled whatever doubts investors may have had about Tokyo stocks, they said.

In the afternoon, however, Morimoto said concerns that the market was rising too high prompted profit-taking, and the selling eased prices a little.

Advancing issues outpaced decliners 531 to 351, while 173 issues were unchanged.

Popular issues were electricals and precision machinery. Construction and housing stocks also rose. Insurance and securities were firm. Volume of the first section trade was an estimated 900 million shares, down from 1.5 billion shares last Friday.

In the foreign exchange trading, the dollar closed at 125.71 yen, up 0.53 yen from its close of 125.18 yen last week. It had opened the day at 125.80 and traded between 125.68-125.83 yen.

"Trading was quiet and the dollar moved very little," said Ken Ilya of the Bank of Tokyo.

He said most participants watched from the sidelines, waiting for results of the scheduled meet-

ing in Washington this week of monetary authorities from the seven major industrialised nations and the announcement of US trade figures for February.

Other dollar rates at mid-morning, compared with late Friday's rates:

— 1.6855 West German marks, up from 1.6725

— 1.3953 Swiss francs, up from 1.3825

— 5.7145 French francs, up from 5.6715

— 1.8910 Dutch guilders, up from 1.8790

— 1.249.50 Italian lire, up from 1.241.75

— 1.2390 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2478

In London share prices rose sharply in this trading today bolstered by positive weekend news from the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries and a healthy rise in the dollar.

The Financial Times stock exchange 100-share index closed 30.8 points, or 1.7 per cent, higher at 1,810.5, its best level for the day.

Volume, however, was light at 405.4 million shares, down from 508.5 million on Friday.

S. Korean aircraft industry enters world market

SEOUL, April 11, (AP): South Korea's fledgling aircraft industry is aiming to swoop into the world market with ambitious plans to develop airplanes, helicopters, engines and other components.

The companies intend to follow the same strategy Korean automakers used to win major export markets by offering smaller, reliable products at low cost.

"Nobody believed at the time that our cars would succeed in the world market," said Kim Jae-Kyung, a project manager of the aircraft division at Korean Air (KAL). "We hope that in the same way, in 10 years or so, we can make an impact on the international market with small aircraft and helicopters."

Needs

The aircraft industry so far has been concerned primarily with meeting the country's defence needs. The government has stressed building up the defence industry because of the possible threat from Communist North Korea and to reduce dependence on foreign suppliers of military aircraft and helicopters, mainly from the United States.

But aircraft companies, confident after several collaborative ventures and growing expertise, say they are ready to start branching more into civil aviation.

KAL, Daewoo Heavy Industries and Samsung Corp. are basing their strategy on finding export markets for small aircraft

and plane components, particularly in developing nations unable to afford expensive Western aircraft.

Ventures include developing and manufacturing helicopters for civilian and military use, medium-sized transport aircraft, and cheap single-engine planes for recreational use.

Goal

The industry's first goal is meeting competition from growing aircraft industries in other Asia nations, especially Taiwan and Singapore. Kim predicted that within two years, KAL's technology will be advanced enough to overtake rivals in Singapore and Taiwan.

South Korea's aircraft manufacturing dates back to 1976, when KAL received a license from McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Co. of the United States to assemble 500MD helicopters for military use. The industry was developed on the basis of cooperative deals with US aircraft companies.

KAL, like the other two major Korean aircraft companies, has expanded technical ties with major US aircraft manufacturers and assembles a Korean variant of the American F-5 jet fighter.

It plans to fabricate Sikorsky's UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters, improved 500MD versions and light aircraft by the mid-1990s.

Daewoo started fabricating F-16 jet fighter parts for General Dynamics in 1984 and started

supplying aircraft parts for Boeing in 1986. This year, it began assembling Sikorsky helicopters and supplying missile and bomb pylons for British aircraft's Hawk military aircraft.

"We have made considerable progress despite financial and technical difficulties," said Hane

Jai-Rong, sales manager of Daewoo's aircraft product division.

The armed forces started pushing for higher-quality Korean manufactured jet fighters after the first attempt with the F-5 variant fell short of government expectations.

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The Ports Public Authority announces the sale of the above items in conformity with the auction documents.

Those interested in participating are requested to contact the Contracts Committee Secretariat at the General Admin. of the Authority at Store No. 4, Shuwaikh Port during office hours to collect the auction documents free of charge. The PAA shall have all the right to divide the auction and adjudicate the same on the best submitted offers in accordance with the internal regulations.

Offers shall be submitted not later than 10.00 a.m. Monday 18.4.88 provided that initial guarantee equal to 20 per cent of the offer value shall be attached in the form of bank guarantee from a Kuwaiti bank, certified cheque or receipt of cash payment to the Authority's treasury and such guarantee shall be valid for 60 days from the date of opening envelopes.

Inspection of the said materials is allowed to the parties during office hours as from this date after consultation with Supply Control, Shuwaikh Port.

Public Authority for Agriculture & Fisheries Wealth Affairs

This Authority hereby invites quotations for repairs and maintenance of laboratory buildings at the Plant Resources Dept. in conformity with the conditions and specifications provided in the quotations booklet which can be obtained from the Purchases & Stores Division, at the Authority's Finance Dept., Ghazali Street during office hours, provided that the quotations forms shall be returned within 15 days as from the date of this notice.

For further information please contact telephone 4749005 or 4748891.

General Administration of Civil Aviation

Bidding No. 7-87/88 — Installation of rain water pipes at Kuwait International Airport

The General Administration of Civil Aviation hereby announces the above bidding in accordance with conditions and specifications stated in the bidding documents which can be obtained from the Tender Division against a non-refundable fee of KD 10/-. The documents shall be returned after being filled to together

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

with the required documents and the initial guarantee equal to 5 per cent from an accredited bank and shall be submitted to the Tenders Division not later than 12.00 noon, Wednesday, 20.4.1988.

This bidding is open to the contractors registered at Building Department Contractors' Section at the Municipality of Kuwait, Category C.

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Tender No. 1-1988/88 — Supply of equipment and instruments to the Zoology Department; 2-1988/88 — Supply of equipment and instruments to the Chemistry Department

The Kuwait University announces the above tenders. Tender documents can be obtained from the office of the Supplies & Stores Dept., Tender Division, Admn. Bldg., Khaldiya, during office hours against a non-refundable fee of KD 10/- for each tender. Offers closing date shall be 12.00 noon, Wednesday, 4.5.1988. Offers shall be deposited in the Tender Box located at the University Assistant Secretary General's Office and shall be valid upto the end of Saturday, 6.8.1988.

The University shall have the right to cancel the tender without stating the pertinent reasons.

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Bidding No. PB/128-87/88 — Supply of maps of the continents to the educational techniques department.

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This Ministry of Finance hereby announces the sale of different lots of used furniture by means of a public auction to be held at 4.30 pm Saturday 16.4.88 at the Used Furniture Control Yard located in Ardhiya area.

Those interested to buy are requested to come at the above fixed date and place and be acquainted with the sale conditions available with the sale committee.

Verity heads American team

US and Moscow to expand trade

MOSCOW, April 11, (UPI): Secretary of Commerce William Verity flew today on a mission to boost US-Soviet trade but warned that any increase would depend on improvements in other parts of the superpower relationship.

Verity arrived as the US firm Honeywell Inc. announced it had set up a joint venture with the Soviet Ministry of Mineral Fertiliser to help modernise fertiliser plants by installing Honeywell automation and control equipment.

The secretary of commerce came to attend the annual meeting of the joint US-USSR commercial commission meeting in an effort to improve the current low-level of trade between the countries.

"The US government supports the expansion of peaceful, mutually beneficial trade and economic relations between the United States and the Soviet

Union, and we hope to reach agreement on some specific steps that can expand our trade within current policies," he said.

"We are here also to explain our view of the role that trade plays in the overall relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union, and our view that fundamental gains in the trade relationship depend upon improvements elsewhere in our relations," Verity said. The US delegation includes 500 business executives.

Relations
The United States through the Jackson-Vanik amendment to the 1974 trade act prohibits extension of US government credits and most favoured nation status to any communist country that restricts free emigration of its citizens. The amendment sponsored by Democratic Senator Henry Jackson of Washington and Democratic Congressman Charles Vanik of Ohio was

prompted by US concern over the Soviet Union's treatment of its Jewish population.

"The difficulties in business relations, as well as the successes, were illustrated by the Honeywell announcement of a joint venture after 10 months of sometimes difficult negotiations. It was described as only the third US-Soviet partnership in the 15 months since Moscow enacted joint venture legislation."

Honeywell, a company with sales last year of \$6.68 billion, is investing approximately \$1 million in a technical centre for engineering, training and marketing industrial process control systems.

Feasibility studies for manufacturing instruments would begin immediately after the official signing of the joint venture documents on Thursday, Honeywell senior vice-president James Verrant told a news conference.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, April 11, (Reuters): Shares closed sharply stronger in all sectors, boosted by Tokyo and Wall Street performances, although turnover was light. The All Ordinaries index rose 28.8 to 1,453.3.

TOKYO: Prices closed higher on continued momentum carried over from last Thursday, when the Nikkei index surged to a new high. The index was up 175.98 to 26,924.87.

HONG KONG: Prices closed at the day's highs, dominated by bullish sentiment. The Hang Seng index rose 31.14 to 2,651.01.

SINGAPORE: The market closed mixed on lack of follow-through buying support and some late profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index rose 3.47 to 946.48.

BOMBAY: Prices continued their downturn to poor trading marked by sporadic speculative profit-taking at higher levels.

FRANKFURT: Prices closed a moderate bourse almost two per cent higher and near the best levels of the day because of the higher dollar and the upward trend in Wall Street and Tokyo. The Commerzbank index, set at mid-session, rose 11 to 1,407.2.

ZURICH: The market closed higher in moderate trading as the firm dollar and the positive trend on Wall Street and in Tokyo supported prices. The all-share Swiss index was up 13.1 at 836.3.

PARIS: Prices ended at the day's highs after a moderately active session.

LONDON: Prices were steady around the day's highs in late trading, helped by the firm dollar, Wall Street gains and a higher oil price. At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 index was up 28.8 at 1,808.8.

NEW YORK: Stocks were mixed in early trading as blue chips gained again. The Dow was up five to 2,095.

Dear Junior Readers,

We have articles about a variety of activities in which children are involved in Kuwait.

The Bangladeshi community recently held a sports day for their children which was a huge success and an international group of children saw the close of the Little League and T-ball season last Friday.

A number of children participated in a fashion show sporting the latest in children's clothing.

We think you will enjoy reading about these events.

Aunt Barbara

Bangladeshi community holds children's sports day

A SPORTS day was held for children of the Bangladeshi community on Friday at the Shuwaikh University Campus. About 400 children and adults participated in the day's activities which included sports events a costume show, musical chairs and a tug of war.

After an impressive March Past children competed in crispy, apple, balloon, sack and 3-legged races, the long jump and cycling events.

After the sports events 44 children "dressed as you like" paraded by the spectators and judges. The children were most impressive

in their selection of costumes; some right out of the villages of Bangladesh, and others of international interest.

Galib, "nine and a half years old," sat for about 45 minutes dressed in a yellow saffron robe as a Buddhist statue. There was a fisherman, complete with river

mud coating his legs and arms — and a fish. Selim Azad was a hit with his tray of puffed rice, onions, green chillies and mustard oil, selling jalmuri. Thirteen-year-old Amaadur Rahman represented the famous Bangladeshi freedom fighter statue which stands in Dhaka.

One boy was dressed in the typical white of a bridegroom with his suitcase and umbrella, followed by his wife dressed in red, timidly clutching the tail of his shirt.

Although the day was obviously planned for the children it was organised in such a way that the whole

family became involved. Musical chairs were planned for the women, a tug of war for the men and lunch was catered and enjoyed on the stadium grounds.

The day's events were well planned and the organisers are to be complimented on the success of such a delightful day.

Happy birthday



Amina Dawood Khan celebrated her second birthday last week. Best wishes, Amina, from your family and friends.



Ayyaz Bajwa celebrated his second birthday on April 10 at Sialkot, Pakistan. Best wishes, Ayyaz, from your father and friends in Kuwait.



Children model junior fashions

LITTLE girls and boys can also look smart in latest fashions created by stores specialising in clothes for children. At a children's fashion show held at the Plaza Hotel last week, thirty children modelled the clothes shown by leading stores in Kuwait. Some of the children who took part were Malliha, Hitesh, Saima, Maneeza, Humaira, Tehmina, Deepa, Aarti, Adel, Ali, Abcer, Gibran, Suhail, Samia, Mahise, Nadia, Annshka, Mesha, Hassan, Ismael, Faheem. A large number of parents attended the show. Clothes were donated by Mothercare, Bambino, Kids 'R' Us and Grand Stores. Pictures show some of the models.



By Gail Seery

THE closest many people ever come to baseball is following the exploits of Charlie Brown's disastrous team in the Peanuts cartoons. Others, who know a little about the sport are unaware that it is in fact played here regularly at Little League level.

Friday saw the final games of the season, all star team matches, with the players picked from the teams which comprise the League. There are two categories of game: T-Ball for the youngest players, and Little League for the overnines.

The day took the form of a family picnic, and featured two games. The T-ball game is a miniature version of baseball, and, as the younger children find it difficult to hit moving targets, the ball is placed on a stand. The batter hits the ball off the stand, and the rest of the game continues

Little League and T-ball players close season

pretty much like conventional baseball.

The League has been going for a number of years, and Harry Zeplin took over in 1980. At that time there were some 40 children involved; now there are around 160 or more. He managed to interest a number of locally based companies who were generous in their support of the League. Again, links with the UAS and ASK brought publicity for the League among the children.

The entire League is run and supported by unpaid volunteers, and a great deal of work is put in by parents, officers and helpers of the League. There is a wide range of different nationalities in the group,

and Zeplin stresses that anyone is welcome to join the League.

Next year for the first time, the League intends to start a new category for the 13 to 15 year old age group.

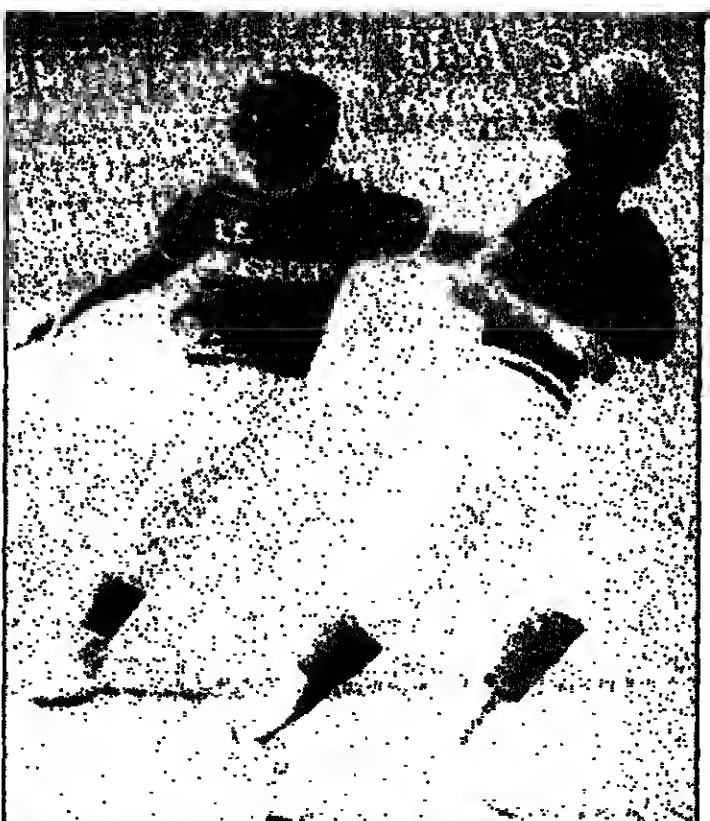
In all, the children spend around 3 hours a week playing. There is one training session and a Friday game. "The parents and the children get very enthusiastic," said Zeplin.

The Kuwait Little League has a charter issued by the Frankfurt branch of the World-wide Little League organisation, and it is Zeplin's dream to see an opportunity for Kuwait based players to go through to all-star games in Germany, and to play on an inter-Gulf basis.

If the enthusiasm behind

Friday's games was anything to go by, Little League members in Kuwait have a lot of fun. There is also a more serious side to what they are doing. Rose Navarro, the League secretary said, "If they're playing baseball they're not hanging around on the streets," adding that there was little to occupy children in Kuwait, and that this was a very worthwhile way for a child to spend his time.

During the day, the American Ambassador Wilson N. Howell Jr. posed for photographs with the teams, members received photographic records of their exploits, and to round everything off, joined in a massive picnic.



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Indians trounce Orioles

NEW YORK, April 11. (AP) Last year, many so-called experts thought the Cleveland Indians were for real. This year, it's the Indians who think so.

What's more, they're proving it, even though the season is only one week old.

"We're the most underrated team in baseball this year," said shortstop Jay Bell, who had a two-run triple yesterday as the Indians, who lost 101 games last year, won their fifth straight after an opening-game loss, defeating the winless Baltimore Orioles 6-3.

"We're going to win some ball games. People may say it's a fluke, but we have a good nucleus, good hitting, good defense and good pitching."

The hottest team in this balky baseball season, however, is the New York Yankees, who got four hits from Don Slaught — including a tie-breaking two-run single in the eighth inning — and five batters by Milwaukee pitchers to beat the Brewers 7-6 for their first 5-0 start in 55 years.

One balk was called against the Yankees, and the six against both teams set an American League record. Two of the Milwaukee batters led to the run that tied the game in the seventh inning, as well as the run that capped a three-run eighth and proved to be the game-winner.

Oakland's Bob Welch also was a target of the balk-happy umpires. He was charged with three — after committing four last season with the Los Angeles Dodgers — and all proved costly in the Athletics' 6-4 loss to the California Angels.

Yankees 6, Brewers 6
The Yankees, the only undefeated team in the majors, trailed Milwaukee ace Teddy Liguera 4-0 after 1 and 1/2 innings but tied the score against Chuck Crim in the seventh on a single by Slaught, a sacrifice. Jim's balk and Ricky Henderson's sacrifice fly.

Angels 6, Athletics 4
Jack Howell drove in two runs with a pair of singles and California scored twice as a result of Welch balks. The Angels took a 2-0 lead in the second inning when Tony Armas doubled and scored on a single by Howell, who took second on a balk and came home on Dick Schofield's single.

Twins 4, Blue Jays 2
Dale Gladden's RBI double and Greg Gagne's two-run single keyed a four-run fifth inning against Todd Stottlemyre, who held Minnesota to one hit over the first four innings in his first Major League start.

Royals 8, Tigers 1
Willie Wilson and Kevin Seitzer each had three hits and Charlie Leibrandt scattered seven hits in eight innings. Seitzer, George Brett and Jim Eisenreich had RBI doubles in the first inning against Doyle Alexander.

Rangers 4, Red Sox 1
Paul Kilgus pitched a four-hitter over seven innings and Texas exploited Boston mistakes in the fourth inning.

Mariners 7, White Sox 4
Rookie Richie Sexia raised his batting average to .538 with three hits, including a pair of doubles, and scored two on singles by Alvin Davis, Mike Moore, who led the majors in losses last year with a 9-19 record, was the winner, allowing nine hits and three runs in six innings.

Results	National League	American League
Houston	12 Cincinnati	3
New York	4 Philadelphia	3
San Diego	6 San Francisco	4
Chicago	10 Montreal	7
Los Angeles	3 Atlanta	7
Pittsburgh	5 St. Louis	3
Cleveland	7 Baltimore	3
San Francisco	6 Milwaukee	2
Minnesota	4 Toronto	6
Kansas City	8 Detroit	1
Texas	4 Boston	1
Seattle	7 Chicago	4
California	6 Oakland	4

Lawson cruises to victory in US Grand Prix

MONTEREY, Calif., April 11. (Reuters) American Eddie Lawson, the 1986 world champion, overtook Niall MacKenzie of Scotland on the second turn of lap 18 and cruised to victory yesterday in the 500cc division of the United States motorcycle Grand Prix.

Lawson, 29, who also won the 500cc world title in 1984, circled the 140.40 km Laguna Seca raceway in one hour 48.74 seconds, an average speed of 86.682 miles per hour.

Estimated

Current world champion Wayne Gardner of Australia finished second in the 40-lap race, 6.447 seconds behind. Lawson MacKenzie finished third, less than one second behind Gardner.

A sun-drenched crowd estimated at 80,000 were on hand for the first Grand Prix race in the United States in 23 years, the second stop on the 16-race Federation Internationale Motorcycliste schedule.

CALCAVECCHIA FINISHES IN SECOND PLACE

Lyle wins Masters on final hole

AUGUSTA, GA., April 11. (Reuters) Sandy Lyle made a brilliant birdie on the final hole yesterday to win the 1988 Masters by a single shot and become the tournament's first British champion.

Lyle, the 1985 British Open champion, won his second major title when he put his approach shot from a fairway bunker on the 405-yard 18th hole about six feet from the flagstick and calmly sank the putt to edge American Mark Calcavecchia.

The 30-year-old Briton, only the fourth foreigner to win the Masters, finished with a final round of one-under-par 71 for a 72-hole total of 281, seven under par.

Looked

Calcavecchia, playing in only his second Masters, shot a two-under-par 70 and looked like the winner until Lyle's heroics on the last hole.

Calcavecchia, who started the day two strokes behind third-round leader Lyle, took the lead with a birdie on the 15th hole after Lyle lost three strokes on



Lyle wears the winner's traditional 'green jacket' after the tourney. (Reuters wirephoto)

the 11th and 12th. However, Lyle gained a tie — and set himself up for victory — with an impressive birdie on the 170-yard 16th hole.

Lyle had enjoyed a three-stroke lead going into the final nine holes but momentarily faltered for his second green jacket with a final-round 68, was alone at 283. Stalder dropped out of a tie for

First he bogeyed the 455-yard 11th hole and then double bogged the 155-yard 12th, where his tee shot rolled back into Rea's Creek after hitting the hill in front of the green.

Former champion Craig Stadler, who made a strong bid for his second green jacket with a final-round 68, was alone at 283. Stalder dropped out of a tie for

the lead when he bogeyed the 500-yard 15th and just missed a birdie putt on 18.

Ben Crenshaw, the 1984 winner here, matched par in the final round and finished alone at 284, three behind Lyle.

Greg Norman, a disappointing second here the last two years, made an amazing charge for the lead, shooting an eight-under-par 64 — one shot off the course record. But he had started too far behind the leader.

Norman, the 1986 British Open champion, who said he started out hoping to shoot 62, matched the course record of 30 for the front nine, but he could make only two more birdies coming in and wound up at 285, three shots off the pace.

That left him tied with Americans Don Pooley, who started off the day with three straight birdies and shot 70, and Fred Couples, who had a 71.

David Frost of South Africa also fired a 68 and he wound up alone at 286.

Two former champions, Tom Watson and Bernhard Langer of

West Germany, were the only others to complete the four rounds under par.

Watson, winner of eight major championships, including two Masters, shot 71 for his 287 total while Langer carded a 73.

Seve Ballesteros of Spain, who was favoured to win his third Masters, could do no better than 73 and finished at level par 288 along with veterans Lanny Wadkins and Raymond Floyd.

Nick Price of South Africa, whose course record of 63 was threatened by Norman, shot an impressive 66 but that left him at 289 with American Doug Tewell, who went one over par for the day.

South African Mark McNulty matched par 72 and finished tied at 290 with former champion Fuzzy Zoeller, who closed with a 76, and Dan Pohl, who shot 73.

Lyle, who won the Greater Greensboro Open last week and the Phoenix Open in January, joined Ballesteros, Langer and South African Gary Player as the only Masters champions from overseas.



The Sana skipper (right) receives the winners trophy.

Sana thrash Blue Star for Khaleeja Trophy

SANA Cricket Club wrested the Khaleeja Trophy by beating Blue Star Cricket Club in the finals by five wickets at the Safeway grounds on Friday.

After putting Blue Star into hat first, Sana skipper Asad Sohail crushed their challenge with a superb exhibition of hostile fast bowling. His very first ball had opener Ronny's stumps in a heap. The aggressive fast bowler then proceeded to rip apart the top order of the Blue Star batting. He had Blue Star reeling at 30 for four.

Lifted
Maqsood, who replaced Abraham, then struck to have them tottering at 40 for five. Bastaki and James briefly lifted their spirits with a stand of 40 runs before they fell in quick succession.

The remaining batsmen caved in to the spin bowling of Arshad and Qayyum. Blue Stars were all out for 98 runs in 20.3 overs. Bastaki top scored with a patient 25 runs followed by Ishfaq with 21 and James with 18 runs.

Sohail, with four for 24, was the chief wicket taker followed by Qayyum with three for 20 and Arshad with two wickets and

Maqsood with a scalp. Sana, in reply, were confronted with accurate bowling and spirited fielding by Blue Star. Their total however proved insufficient as the champions reached their target in the 19th over with the loss of five wickets.

Inam (12), Nadeem (12), Qayyum (11), Khalid with a quick 19 with two fours and a six and Arshad with a sedate 19 not out and skipper Sohail with 13 not out were the main scorers for the winners.

Salim with two wickets, Adelina, Ronny and Mathew with a wicket each were the wicket takers for the losers.

Prizes
After the match chief guest Ramesh Kurup, deputising for Khaleeja General Manager George Juma, gave away the winners and runners-up trophies and individual prizes to the players.

Sohail got the 'Man of the Match' award. Bastaki and Qayyum were awarded the Best Batsman and Bowler prize.

The match was organised by Peter and Hakim Liyakat and officiated by Arun Nair and Ram Mohan of sporting Cricket Club.

LOCAL CRICKET

Casuals name side for Napier Bowl

CASUALS Cricket Club yesterday announced the side with which they expect to hold on to the prestigious Napier Bowl. The annual contest with Hubara is steeped in tradition and rarely fails to produce an exciting game.

Casuals have all but made the trophy their own over the past decade and, despite variable League form, will not give it up without a struggle.

The game is a 45 overs contest starting at 9.00 am on Friday at the Ahmadi Oval and a large crowd is again expected to witness the encounter.

Recent reports have shown both sides to be struggling on the bowling front. Hubara have just welcomed back Flower after injury and doubts have been expressed over James' ability to bowl.

With Deverill still unavailable, Hubara have had to use Shipton as a makeshift opener.

Casuals too have had their troubles as their key bowlers have left. The sad injury to Peter David, which threatens his playing future, was a particular blow. Fortunately Dave Hodgson, normally noted only as a batsman, took seven wickets in his first net practice this week to give Casuals hope.

Selection

Both the teams have almost their best batting line-up, although the disappearance of Clements has allowed the selection of Akram Khan and Henry. Snowden sees the game as finely balanced. His strategy for the game is based on the cheap removal of Hubara's key batsmen to keep the score reasonable, followed by a large score from his side, centering around the figure of Dubey who makes his farewell appearance for the club.

Some members of the Casuals team: Anderson, Bond, Dubey, Earnest, Francis, Hodgson, Ross, Snowden (captain), Tudhall, Wells.

SCE triumph

SALMIYAH Combined Eleven (SCE) won a two-wicket victory over New Young Stars in a friendly match at the Kuna ground earlier this week.

New Young Star, batting first, scored 134 for the loss of nine wickets. In reply, SCE got the required runs for the loss of only eight wickets.

Hasith took three wickets while Sohail got two and Ghulam one for SCE. The top scorers were Phillip, Sohail, Ghulam and Saleem (Jr) with 22, 22, 19 and 18 respectively.

Golden Stars outlast Young Boys

GOLDEN STARS scored a 16-run victory over Young Boys in a friendly 25 overs-a-side match at the Burgan Bank ground earlier this week.

Golden Stars, after having been put in to bat, were all out for 95. Yacoub was the top scorer for Golden Stars with a patient innings of 40 runs.

Kader 20 and Arif 15 were the only other batsmen to get into the double figures.

Hostile
Young Boys started their innings with hopes of an easy victory but ran into some hostile Golden Stars bowling. Khalid took three wickets for only 12 runs in only three overs and Ansar captured four wickets as Young Boys managed only 79 runs.

Yacoub was named Man of the Match.

Universal outclass Hilti XI

UNIVERSAL Cricket Club beat Hilti XI by nine wickets to win the Challenge Trophy cricket tournament at the Al Yamouk ground earlier this week.

Hilti, after winning the toss, opted to bat but paid for their decision when they were skittled out for only 89.

Unbeaten

Universal, facing an easy task, had no difficulty reaching the victory target losing only one wicket. Aftah Ahmad was the highest scorer for Universal with an unbeaten 49. He hit seven fours in his innings. Bashir was the other batsmen to remain unbeaten, on 16, while Arif Latif hit 13.

Earlier on, Bassim and Ali



Aftah with the trophy were the most successful bowlers for Universal taking four and three wickets respectively. Arif and Nadeem picked up a wicket each.

Capri overwhelm Union for YMCA tourney final

CAPRI Cricket Club moved into the finals of the YMCA Winners Cup cricket tournament with an eight-wicket victory over Union Cricket Club at the Ahmadi Governorate ground on Friday.

Union batting first, scored 147 for the loss of seven wickets in their 27 overs. Ershad was the main scorer with 31. Mehboob hit 17, Nadeem 15 and Shahzad 10.

For Capri, Nasir and Nareesh took two wickets each while Sajid and Zia got one each.

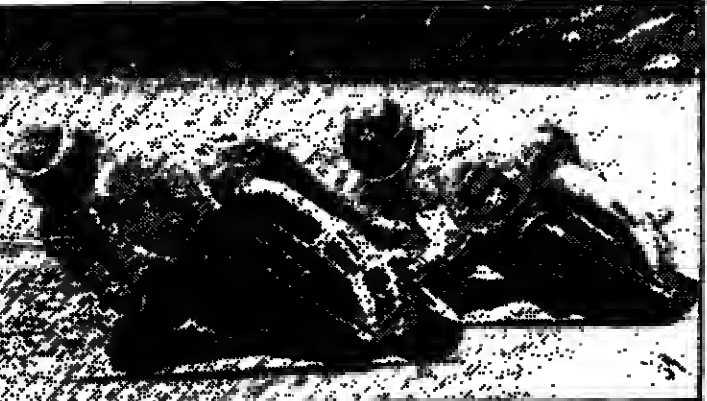
Capri, in reply got the required runs for the loss of only two wickets. Adnan was the top scorer with an unbeaten 67 while Zia scored 38 and Bittu Singh 31.

Capri had started their innings badly when they lost opener Raju without any score on the board but Adnan and Zia, and later Bittu, repaired the damage.

For Union, Azam and Saeed were the wicket-takers.

Capri will now meet Hyderabad Cricket Club in the final at the Ahmadi Cricket Club ground on Friday, April 15. Hyderabad had qualified for the final earlier this month.

Brigadier Mohammed Saad Al Khadur will be the guest of honour at the final, which will start at 8.30 a.m. and expected to last until 4.00 p.m. The prize distribution will be held immediately after the match.



Lawson (No. 3) leads MacKenzie during the race. (Reuters wirephoto)

Lawson, the second-fastest qualifier, fell back at the start of the race but quickly proved that he had the quickest motorcycle in the 18-rider field, steadily gaining time.

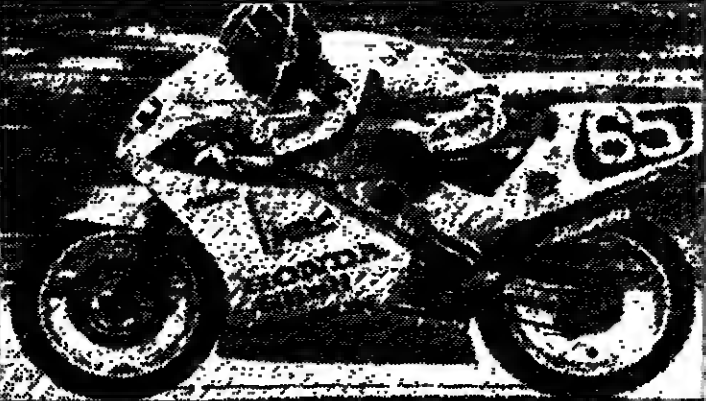
By lap 15, Lawson was primed to overtake MacKenzie and did so shortly into his 18th lap.

"I just tried to keep my pace going," said Lawson, who after winning threw his helmet into the crowd and then followed it to

shake hands. "I was getting hotter and hotter and it was difficult to keep it going," he said.

American newcomer Jimmy Felice, competing in his first Grand Prix, took the lead on turn four of the second lap and claimed the 113.12 km 250cc division in 48 minutes 22.545 seconds.

Felice, 25, who qualified in 12th place, expanded his advantage on nearly every lap and topped



Fallon on his way to victory in the 250cc event. (Reuters wirephoto)

ped the field of 36 riders by nearly 10 seconds.

Felice, a veteran road and three-time national dirt track champion, had not won a race since 1983.

Sito Pans of Spain placed second, 9.843 seconds behind Felice, and Frenchman Dominique Sarron was third, close behind.

Defending world champion Anton Mang of West Germany,

who claimed last week's season-opener in Suzuka, Japan, was eighth.

American Randy Mamola, the four-time world champion runner-up, did not race yesterday in the 500cc. Mamola suffered a slight concussion Friday during his second practice run. He was given medical clearance to race, but continued to suffer headaches and dizziness throughout the weekend.



The Golden Stars squad

SPORTS

WORLD NO. 2 WINS FIRST CLAY-COURT TOURNEY SINCE 1985

Navratilova tames Sabatini for title

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, April 11, (AP): Top-seeded Martina Navratilova defeated second-seeded Gabriela Sabatini 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 yesterday to win the 16th annual Family Circle Magazine Cup women's tennis tournament. This was Navratilova's first clay-court title since 1985.

It was the third Family Circle tournament title for Navratilova but her first since claiming the second of two consecutive titles in 1983 — the last time she had played here.

Capacity

Navratilova, 31, of the United States, took home \$60,000 for defeating the 17-year-old Sabatini, of Argentina, at Sea Pines Racquet Club before a capacity crowd of 5,200.

Steffi Graf, who won the last two titles, did not play in this year's \$300,000 clay court tournament.

Navratilova dominated the first set, breaking her younger



Navratilova watches to see if her volley clears the net. (Reuter wirephoto)

in the first, missing several easy shots that cost her the set. Sabatini won the first three games and led 5-1 after breaking Navratilova three times. Navratilova had a particularly bad third game, missing two easy winners at the net. At the end of

the game, Navratilova threw her racket to the court in disgust. Navratilova came back to win three straight games, but Sabatini held on to win the set to force her first three-set match of the tournament.

In the final set, Sabatini broke Navratilova at love on a forehand passing shot down the line to the third game for a 2-1 lead. But Navratilova broke Sabatini twice and held service to go up 4-3.

With Navratilova serving for the match, Sabatini broke the eight-time Wimbledon champion at love to cut the gap to 5-4. But Navratilova answered by doing the same in the next game, taking the nearly two-hour match on a forehand winner.

Navratilova, who is 8-2 against Sabatini, had struggled to get to the finals, dropping the first set to both the quarterfinals and semifinals.

Sabatini had no such problems. She did not lose a set in five matches and only lost more than two games two times. But none of those matches was against the world's No. 2 player who many consider the best ever. Sabatini lost to Chris Evert in the 1985 finals and made the semifinals last year.

"I was not happy with the way I played," said Sabatini, who had beaten Navratilova two of the last four times they played.

"I did not serve very well, and I was a little bit slow in the first set."

Navratilova has now won four of five tournaments this year and today began her sixth at Amelia Island, where she will undoubtedly be seeded to face top-ranked Graf in the final.

Navratilova, said she entered the match determined to win a clay-court event.

"I don't think that people expected me to win," she said. "I said to myself that I was just going to stay out there and hit balls for as long as it took."



Edberg is tossed by teammates after he defeated Mecir in the last game. (Reuter wirephoto)

US thrash Peru in Cup

NEW YORK, April 11, (AP): The US Davis Cup tennis team left Peru with an unofficial sweep and one hurdle left to regain the right to play for the Cup next year.

America's highly-rated doubles team of Ken Flach and Robert Seguso defeated Peru's Jaime Izaga and Carlos Di Laura 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 yesterday in Lima to give the United States an insurmountable 3-0 lead.

The victory clinched the tournament for the Americans and qualified the squad for the American Zone I finals to June in Buenos Aires against Argentina, which won its weekend series with Ecuador.

Tournament officials said the Americans decided to play the two reserve singles matches in the best-of-five series because it had won the overall event. The defaults made the final score 3-2.

Agility

In the first two singles matches, Jay Berger defeated Pablo Araya of Peru in five sets Friday and Andres Agassi beat Peruvian Jaime Izaga in four sets Saturday.

Despite apparent nervousness in the opening moments, Flach and Seguso showed speed and agility at the net to keep Izaga and Di Laura off balance throughout most of the match.

The Peruvian duo recovered from a 4-2 deficit in the second set after the US team developed problems coordinating its actions.

But in the following two sets,

the aggressive US team exploited Izaga's problems in returning the ball, forcing the Peruvian to hit several out-of-bounds shots or make returns into the net.

The American team decided to appear to a post-game press conference Sunday. Tourney officials said the team planned to return to the United States early this morning.

The Argentine-US winner returns to the world group, the 16 nations who actually play for the Davis Cup.

In Guayaquil, Ecuador, Argentina split the reverse singles after clinching its victory by winning the first three matches. Yesterday, Ecuador's Andres Gomez defeated Guillermo Perez-Roldan 2-6, 6-2, 6-0 and Argentina's Javier Frana downed Hugo Nunez 6-3, 6-3.

In world group play this weekend, Sweden outlasted Czechoslovakia 3-2. France routed Australia 5-0. Yugoslavia downed Italy 4-1 and West Germany blanked Denmark 5-0. Sweden hosts France and Yugoslavia in the semifinals in late July.

In Norrkoping, Sweden, Milan Sejber upset Mats Wilander 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3 in the first reverse singles match to pull Czechoslovakia into a 2-2 deadlock with the defending Cup champions. But Edberg overcame Miloslav Mecir in a five-set thriller to clinch the semifinal berth.

"It was one of the most thrilling matches I've played," Edberg

said after the 4-6, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 9-7 victory, which lasted four hours. Edberg came from 1-4 down in the fifth set to win his marathon battle against Mecir. It could have gone either way to the see-saw fifth set, but the Swede's determination and aggressiveness spelled the difference.

Edberg earned the decisive service break in the 15th game of the fifth set, taking a 8-7 lead on his third break point after pouncing on a weak second serve with a forehand return.

Then, serving for the match for the second time in the set, Edberg moved ahead 40-30 on a service winner, then clinched it with a kicking second delivery that Mecir netted.

It was a bitter Davis Cup weekend for Wilander, who has the world's best Davis Cup record in the 1980s. The Swede, ranked second in the world, also lost a marathon three-set match to Mecir on Friday.

Perfection

"I didn't have a chance in the last three sets," Wilander said of his loss to the 6-foot-8, hard-serving Sejber. "He served so incredibly well and covered the net to perfection. I completely lost my rhythm."

In Clermont-Ferrand, France, Yannick Noah and Heorri Leconte won their reverse singles matches to complete France's sweep of Australia. Leconte beat John Fitzgerald 9-7, 7-5 and Noah defeated Mark Woodforde 6-2, 6-4.

Mayotte routs Annacone

CHICAGO, April 11, (AP): Tim Mayotte of the United States combined a mixture of passing shots with a strong net game yesterday to win his second consecutive \$315,000 Volvo Chicago Tennis Championship.

Mayotte defeated fellow countryman Paul Annacone, 6-1, 6-3. Mayotte, the second seed and ranked ninth in the world, earned a \$75,000 paycheck in the 100-sanctioned Grand Prix event.

Strait

The eighth-seeded Annacone lost to Mayotte for the fourth straight time since beating him in San Francisco in 1985.

Mayotte won the Chicago title in the ninth game of the second set when Annacone, who was serving, smashed a forehand into the net.

In the final game, Mayotte went to 0-40, scoring on three consecutive passing shots. But Annacone, ranked 50th in the world, won the next two points on unforced errors.

After Mayotte won all four points off his opening service, Annacone won his only game of the first set when Mayotte returned a shot into the net.

With Mayotte leading 2-1, Annacone failed to hold serve in the fourth game, the victim of three passing shots.

Annacone's best shot of the match was a backhand passing shot after he retrieved an over-the-head slam in the sixth game. But it didn't prevent him from losing his serve a second time.

The seventh and final game of the opening set went to deuce before Annacone hit a return out of bounds.

In other first round matches, American Leif Shiras defeated compatriot Paul Chamberlin 7-6 (7-3), 6-0 and Kim Warwick of Australia defeated American Andy Kohlberg 6-7 (0-7), 6-4, 6-4.

Americans came out on top in two of three matches against West German oppositions. Bill Scallone edged West German Heiner Moring 7-6 (7-4), 5-7, 6-4 and Kelly Jones defeated Alexander Mronz, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4), but Wolfgang Popp broke the sequence with a 7-6 (7-3), 6-4 victory over Peter Palanjan.

In two all-American encounters, John Letts turned back Larry Scott 7-6 (7-2) and qualifier Tim Pawsat upset Brad Pearce 6-4, 6-7 (4-7), 6-3.

Japan's top player Tsuyoshi Fukui defeated American John Levine 6-4, 6-4 to qualify for the second round.

Pakistan win

COLOMBO, April 11, (Reuter): Pakistan won the two remaining singles matches after losing the rain-interrupted doubles today to gain a 3-2 victory over Sri Lanka in the Davis Cup Asia-Oceania zone group two quarterfinal.

Results (Pakistan names first): Haseeb Aslam and Rashid Malik lost to Arjun Fernando and Sujit Fernando 4-6, 3-6, 4-4, 6-4. Haseeb Aslam beat Umesh Walkeppala 6-3, 6-1. Mustafiz Zia beat Arjun Fernando 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Nice Open

NICE, France, April 11, (AP): Jan Gunnarsson of Sweden upset second-seeded Joakim Nystrom in the first round as the \$145,000 Nice Open today. Gunnarsson, ranked 57th in the world, ran off nine games in a row at one point to defeat fellow Swede Nystrom, 7-5, 6-3.

Tivim soccer

TTVIM Centre will hold an inter-village 9-a-side football tournament, commencing in the first week of Ramadan (in the evenings) at Al Sour grounds. Entry forms will be available with members of Tivim Centre and the draw will be held on April 15. For further details contact Andrew, 2460265 and the organisers.

Barnes honoured

LONDON, April 11, (Reuter): Liverpool winger John Barnes was named Player of the Year by the English Soccer Professional Footballers' Association yesterday.

Sri Lanka win

HARARE, Zimbabwe, April 11, (AP): The Sri Lanka "B" cricket team rounded off their month-long tour of Zimbabwe yesterday with a five-run victory over the Zimbabwe national team.

Verona appeal

GENEVA, April 11, (Reuter): Italy's Verona have appealed against a one-year ban on their player Silvano Fontolan for drug taking and a 50,000 Swiss francs (\$36,250) fine imposed by the European Football Union (UEFA).

Hattiesburg golf

HATTIESBURG, Miss., April 11, (Reuter): Frank Conner fired a seven-under-par 63 to win the \$200,000 Hattiesburg Golf Classic by five strokes, his first US PGA Tour victory.

Okamoto triumphs

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 11, (Reuter): Defending champion Ayako Okamoto of Japan turned in a two-under-par 69 to a see-saw final round to win the \$225,000 San Diego Classic golf tournament by one stroke over American Colleen Walker.

Asian soccer

KUALA LUMPUR, April 11, (Reuter): A 44th-minute goal by Yoshiyuki Matsuyama just before halftime gave Japan a 1-0 victory over Malaysia on the fourth day of the Asian Cup qualifying soccer round today.

Ivan Lendl

WASHINGTON, April 11, (AP): Supporters of tennis star Ivan Lendl will try to persuade Congress this month to expedite US citizenship for the native of Czechoslovakia so he can represent his adopted homeland in the summer Olympics and other international competition.

RESULTS of the Hattiesburg Club games played on Saturday evening:

- N/S
1. Jamila & Nabil Akel
 2. Chaudhry & Mukerjee
 3. Sandra Turvey & Adel Bayoumi
- E/W
1. Camilla Gairgins & George
 2. Gajjar & Sharma
 3. Anwar & Bhatt

There will be no bridge on Saturday, April 16. During the holy month of Ramadan, the games will start at 8.00 pm.

Results of the SAS bridge club game played on Sunday:

1. Lyn Edwards & Pearl Leaver
2. Camilla Gairgins & Jamila Akel
3. Suzanne Cattermole & Donna Materny

Pakistan all out for 447

CASTRIES, St. Lucia, April 11, (Reuter): Keith Arthurton completed his second century against the Pakistani cricketers today with a fine attacking 124 for the West Indies Under-23 XI.

Arthurton, who also scored a century for the West Indies Board XI, hit 24 fours and one six in his 219-minute innings.

Extended

But despite his efforts, the West Indies Under-23 XI slumped to 238 for nine in their first innings, still 209 behind Pakistan, at lunch on the third day of the four-day match.

Arthurton and James Adams extended their fifth wicket partnership to 120 in 118 minutes before the dismissal of Arthurton started a collapse which saw

five wickets fall for 11 runs. Arthurton, 92 out out overnight, was caught on the mid-wicket boundary off wrist-spinner Abdul Qadir who also picked up the wickets of Junior Murray and Ian Bishop.

Off-spinner Ijaz Faqih chipped in by removing Nehemiah Perry and Barrington Brown. Yesterday the young West Indians had a terrible start, losing both openers in the first two overs. Brian Lara was bowled by Hafiz Shahid at 38, before Roland Holder put on 46 with Arthurton.

Ejaz Faqih broke this stand when Holder was caught at leg slip. Yesterday morning, the Pakistanis had batted aggressively

against an attack lacking penetration. Ejaz Ahmed played his first 100 in the tour, hitting ten fours and a six in his 84 made in 158 minutes.

He was well caught at extra cover by James Adams, giving leg-spinner Rajendra Dhoroj his only wicket.

Wasim Akram scored his first fifty of the tour, hitting four sixes and four fours in an unbeaten 56. Ijaz Faqih also completed a useful half-century before becoming the first of Arthurton's three victims.

Bowling brisk left-arm spin, Arthurton then had Qadir stumped by Junior Murray and two balls later Hafiz caught behind.

When Zakir lost his middle stump to Ian Bishop, the last

three Pakistani wickets had fallen for one run.

Scoreboard

Pakistan first innings: Modassar Nazir b Perry 30, Rameez Raja c Arthurton b Perry 32, Shoaib Mohammed b Perry 17, Salim Malik c Murray b Adams 53, Asrar Malik c Lara b Brown 53, Ejaz Ahmed c Adams b Dhanraj 84, Ijaz Faqih b Arthurton 51, Wasim Akram not out 56, Abdul Qadir st Murray b Arthurton 3, Hafiz Shahid c Murray b Arthurton 0, Zakir Khan b Bishop 0, Extras (b-4 lb-4 nb-20) 28, Total (all out) 447.

Wicketfalls: 1-37 2-133 3-162 4-215 5-295 6-358 7-438 8-446 9-446 10-446 11-446 12-446.

Bowling: Bishop 24.4-11-1-1, Brown 29.1-57-1, Dhanraj 27.4-98-1, Perry 40.8-19-3, Adams 5.0-10-1, Arthurton 5.0-14-3.

Kurtis wins 4th straight marathon

SEATTLE, April 11, (UPI): Doug Kurtis won his fourth consecutive Emerald City Marathon yesterday, capturing the event in 2 hours, 19 minutes and 6 seconds.

Nancy Kubasek, 31, took the women's title in 2:46:48. Kurtis, 36, completed in his 79th marathon and led nearly 1,600 entrants through the route from downtown Seattle, to Mercer Island and back around downtown Seattle.

In the last year Kurtis has run 10 other marathons, placing among the top five in nine of them in places like Ottawa, Cleveland, Buenos Aires, Montreal, Honolulu, Bangkok, Casablanca and his hometown of Detroit.

Including

Kurtis will compete in eight more marathons in the next eight weeks, including the US Olympic trials in Jersey City, New Jersey, Matt Rothel, 26, finished behind Kurtis in 2:20:45. In third was Sammy Rotich, 30, in 2:26:09.

The second place women's finisher was Sally Balch, 27, Canada, who finished in 2:50:04 followed by Kimberly Moody, 32, who finished 36 seconds later.

Wimbledon gear up for Europe

LONDON, April 11, (AP): An unfashionable club with poor resources, a ramshackle stadium and only a few thousand fans could be rubbing shoulders with the cream of continental soccer in the sport's European governing body lifts its bid on English terms.

Wimbledon, a professional side for only 11 years whose entire squad is valued at just \$500,000 (\$925,000), will be the first to prosper if English clubs, banned since the Heysel stadium riots three years ago when 39 people died, are re-admitted to Europe's club tournaments in time for next season.

UEFA's executive committee is to decide at the end of June, after the European Championship finals in West Germany, whether to allow the English back into its prestige club competitions.

If it says "yes," Wimbledon situated in a middle class backwater of south-west London best known for its annual Grand Slam tennis tournament, is virtually certain to be guaranteed a place in next season's European Cup Winners Cup.

Mighty

By beating Luton Town in last Saturday's English FA Cup semifinal, Wimbledon advances to face mighty Liverpool in the final at Wembley next month, a match already being dubbed

"the princes against the paupers."

Normally, the team that wins each European nation's domestic cup competition qualifies automatically for the following season's Cup Winners Cup.

But Liverpool, whose fans caused mayhem at the 1985 Champions Cup final against Juventus in Brussels, Belgium, and were blamed for the 39 deaths, is to be barred for a further period whenever UEFA's blanket ban is lifted.

Even if it loses on May 14 at Wembley, therefore, Wimbledon, as Cup runner-up, would be the unlikely Cup Winners Cup representative from England if the UEFA ban is lifted in time.

England lift S. Africa ban

LONDON, April 11, (Reuter): England confirmed today that they had accepted the International Rugby Board (IRB) decision to lift a ban on players going to South Africa but repeated their determination to stop English players competing in the white-ruled republic this year.

Rugby Football Union (RFU) secretary Dudley Wood told reporters the ban, imposed after the rebel South Pacific Bar-

barians tour of the Cape last year, had served its purpose. But he said the RFU were still opposed to the principle of sending teams to play the Springboks and to sanctioning official requests to approach star players with invitations.

South Africa plan to invite a world XV to play seven matches, including two internationals, to celebrate Eastern Province's centenary and Northern Transvaal's golden jubilee this year.

World record

BEIJING, April 11, (AP): Yaog Wenyi of China topped the list of world record in the women's 50-metre freestyle today with a time of 24.98 seconds, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

The report said the 16-year-old Yang set the new world mark on the final day of the Asian swimming Championships in Caidao, southern China.

The existing world record of 25.28 seconds was set by Tamara Costache of Romania.

Sanchez and Van Basten acclaimed for stunning goals

(REUTERS): Stunning goals by Mexican Hugo Sanchez and Dutchman Marco van Basten were acclaimed with equal joy but for contrasting reasons by Real Madrid and AC Milan respectively as the Spanish and Italian clubs sustained their quest for honours at the weekend.

World Cup striker Sanchez produced an acrobatic scissor-kick that spurred Real to a 2-0 home win over Logrones and kept them firmly on course to lift Spain's First Division crown.

An equally spectacular goal from Dutch forward Van Basten on his return after injury fired Milan to a 1-0 home win against Empoli, keeping them in touch with champions Napoli at the top of the Italian First Division.

Cool

Sanchez' strike was described as an "Oscar of a goal," by one Spanish newspaper, while Real's usually cool Dutch coach led Beocbakker was equally euphoric, describing it as a goal for the history books.

"After a goal like that they ought to change the rules, stop the game, everybody in the stadium, then get out the champagne to celebrate it," he said.

Sanchez himself said it was "a goal to retire from football on."

Photos showing him in the air, parallel to the ground, with his left leg pointing to the sky after that shot that produced his 27th goal of the season.

Beocbakker, who had previously always said the League title was a long way off, now admits "we get closer every day." With six games to go, Real's 10-point lead looks invincible.

Van Basten's goal was significant not only for its quality but also because it was scored after just 16 minutes of his first league appearance following five months out injured.

"This is the best goal of my career," he said.

Van Basten, who cracked an angle hooie in November, scored with the foot he had injured, sending a curling shot into the right of the net. "I did not even feel anything," he added.

Argentine World Cup captain Diego Maradona, who had been limping before the match, scored with his favourite free-kick manoeuvre from the edge of the area to give Napoli a 1-0 win over Internazionale. The result left leaders Napoli four points ahead of Milan.

Manager Ottavio Bianchi said that even though Maradona was playing his best ever season in Italy he was amazed at his performance. "You should have seen



Sanchez scored a spectacular goal

him before the match... he was limping, he almost could not walk."

The usually tight-lipped manager said Maradona had received painkillers and pre-match treatment for an inflamed toe.

Though Bayern trail leaders Werder Bremen by four points, midfielder Hans Dorfner said: "We are going to win all the rest of our games and Werder are bound to drop four points."

Werder looked anything but title contenders in an uninspired 1-0 away win over Waldhof Mannheim which they owed to a speculative 25-metre shot from stopper Uli Borowka.

And Bayern have a psychological edge — Werder have been close to the title several times in recent years yet have always flopped at the end.

Two seasons ago they had a four-point lead with four matches to play — but conceded the title to Bayern.

Bayern also have the advantage of being able to concentrate solely on the championship while Werder must divide their attention on the League, UEFA Cup and West German Cup.

Wins by Monaco and Bordeaux kept the French First Division's top two comfortably ahead as four clubs chased a third place finish for their ticket to next season's UEFA Cup.

Third-placed Matra Racing Paris drew 1-1 with Paris Saint-Germain, while Marseille recovered from their 3-0 Cup Winner's Cup trouncing by Ajax Amsterdam and beat Laval 2-1,

to take fourth spot.

Montpellier, inspired by a Roger Milla hat-trick, battered Saint Etienne 5-0 to climb to fifth place.

Portuguese League leaders Porto suffered their first defeat of the season with a 2-1 loss to Sporting this weekend but still are six points clear at the top.

The northern side, undefeated in 10 games with only nine games to go, look assured of the championship. They lead with 49 points, followed by Benfica in second place on 43.

Benfica's attention is now focussed on the upcoming second leg of their European Cup semifinals against Steaua after holding the Romanian side to a goalless draw in Bucharest last Wednesday.

Benfica beat Rio Ave away 1-0 but five of their top players, including striker Rui Aguas and Mats Magnusson, sat out the match because of slight injuries after the Romanian game. Winner Chalanha scored in the 30th minute for the Lisbon side.

Sporting's victory over Porto put them in fifth place and kept their hopes alive for a place in next season's European matches. Pauloinho Cascavel and Mario Jorge scored for the former Lisbon giants, while Jorge Placido marked one for Porto.